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JOE BIDEN SECURES ENOUGH ELECTORS TO WIN PRESIDENCY

With California certifying him as the winner of the November 3 election, Joe Biden now officially has 279 electors backing him

'IT'S THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS WHITE HOUSE'

Although it has been apparent for weeks that Biden won the presidential election, experts say officially securing 270-plus electors is the first step toward the White House. "It is a legal milestone and the first milestone that has that status. Everything prior to that was premised on what we call projections," said Edward B Foley, an American law professor

ELECTORS DUE TO VOTE ON DECEMBER 14

- The electors are expected to meet on December 14 to officially elect the next president. Results of their vote are due to be received and approved by Congress on January 6
- Three states that Biden won — Colorado, Hawaii and New Jersey — are yet to certify results. Once they do, Biden will have 306 electors

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OF THE ROUGHLY 50 ELECTION LAWSUITS FILED BY TRUMP HAVE BEEN REJECTED

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Round five too a stalemate, more talks on Dec 9

Farm unions reject govt's proposal to amend laws, say nothing short of repeal will do

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Representatives of farmer unions on a 'maun vrat' during their meeting with govt | Shekhar Yadav, PTI

THE government on Saturday seemed to hold on to the negotiations with the agitating farmers by the skin of their teeth after the union leaders threatened to walk out of the talks, saying it was time for the Centre to take concrete decisions on their demands.

According to sources, the government managed to pacify them saying an intra-government deliberation was required to consider their demands. Both the sides eventually agreed to meet for the sixth time on Wednesday, December 9, at 11 am.

Sources said the government delegation comprising Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, Railway Minister Piyush Goyal and Minister of State for Industries Som Prakash provided the farmers the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday. The minutes contained the government's plans on changing the laws in accordance with the farmers' demands.

"The farmers took the document and deliberated on it during the 15-minute tea break," the sources said. But the farmers rejected the amendments and stuck to their demand of repealing all the three laws.

Sources said in the last segment of the meeting, the farmers went on a 'maun vrat' to express their disappointment. P9

MODI FACING BIGGEST TEST OF HIS TENURE |P9

Kannada activists hold a demonstration near the city bus stand in Mysuru on Saturday, as part of the Karnataka Bandh | UDAYSHANKAR S

On bandh day, life goes on as usual in Karnataka

Activists stopped

In Belagavi, where the BJP's executive meet was being held, pro-Kannada activists were taken into custody when they tried to take out a protest rally from Rani Channamma Circle to Gandhi Bhavan. A verbal clash took place between police and activists.

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THE statewide bandh called by pro-Kannada groups on Saturday opposing the government's decision to create the Maratha Development Corporation, evoked lukewarm response with protests in some places, arrests and traffic jams across the state.

More than 20,000 protesters were taken into preventive custody in different districts. Traffic was thrown out of gear for a few hours in central Bengaluru, but the bandh did not have much impact on normal life. Shops and commercial establishments were voluntarily closed in Gandhinagar and Chickpet areas in Bengaluru.

Protests were held in Vijayapura, Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Bengaluru Rural, Gadag, Koppal, Hassan, Ramanagara, Shivamogga, Tumakuru, Chitradurga, Davanagere, Bagalkot, Chikkamagaluru and Mandya, among other districts. But normal life was unaffected.

In Mysuru, the central business district and business establishments on Devaraja Urs road remained open and witnessed usual buzz. P5

Ethics debate as minister gets Covid-19 after jab

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA & HARPREET BAJWA
@ New Delhi/Chandigarh

HARYANA health minister Anil Vij's tweet on Saturday that he had tested positive for Covid-19 and a statement by the Union Health Ministry that in effect identified Vij as a recipient of the Covid-19 vaccine kicked up a major controversy. Experts pointed out that they constitute either irresponsible statements or a breach of research.

"I have been tested Corona positive. I am admitted to Civil Hospital Ambala Cantt. All those who have come in close contact with me are advised to get themselves tested for corona," Vij wrote on Twitter.

Nearly two weeks back, Vij had declared that he would be administered the first dose of Covaxin as part of the experimental vaccine's phase 3 trial. Covaxin is an indigenously developed potential Covid-19 vaccine developed by Bharat Biotech and the ICMR and is currently being tested on nearly 26,000 volunteers in the final stage of the trial.

"I will be administered trial dose of Coronavirus vaccine Covaxin, a Bharat Biotech product Tomorrow at 11 am at Civil Hospital, Ambala Cantt. I have volunteered to take the trial dose," he had tweeted on November 19, a day before the highly publicised event in which he was administered the jab.

Saturday's announcement by Vij triggered a flurry of criticism at the ham-handedness of the sponsors of the trial as many saw it as a breach of the trial terms.

The terms make it that the doses are double-blinded and a randomised trial, suggesting that neither the participants nor investigators know whether they are receiving the actual vaccine or placebo shots.

The Union Health Ministry appeared to make the situation worse when it said "the anti-bodies against the infection build up in a human being only after a specific number of days pass after the second dose of the vaccine is taken since this is a two-dose vaccine."

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BHARAT BIOTECH CLARIFIES

Bharat Biotech took to Twitter to allay any concerns, saying clinical trials are based on a two-dose schedule, given 28 days apart. The vaccine efficacy will be determined two weeks after the second dose, it said

INTERVIEW

PANEL NEEDS ₹250 CR TO HOLD GP POLLS

ASHWINI M SRIPAD
@ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka State Election Commission, which is gearing up to conduct the two-phase gram panchayat elections on December 22 and 27, has estimated that about Rs 250 will be required for the exercise, keeping Covid-19 safety norms in mind.

About four lakh candidates are expected to contest the election and close to three crore voters will elect their leaders. Conducting the massive exercise amidst the pandemic will be a challenging task. The SEC will provide sanitisers, thermal scanners and others safety measures at the polling booths.

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Party indoors, no public celebration on New Year's Eve

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@ Belagavi

WITH experts hinting at a possible second wave of Covid-19 in the coming days, the State Government has decided to ban any sort of public celebration on New Year's Eve across the state, including Bengaluru. Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa has agreed to it and an order will be issued shortly, **Revenue Minister R Ashoka** announced here on Saturday.

Ashoka said he had held meetings with Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai on the issue over the past few days and also discussed it with the CM. "The Bengaluru City Police Commissioner, City Corporation Commissioner and Secretary of the Disaster Management Cell have shared their views on the issue. As vice-president of the Disaster Management Cell, I will issue an official order banning public celebrations after I reach Bengaluru," he said.

With huge crowds likely to gather in public places in Bengaluru and several other cities on New Year's Eve, it will be difficult for revellers to adhere to Covid norms. Ensuring wearing of masks and social distancing in such large gatherings will be tough. To prevent a surge in Covid cases, it was deemed necessary to ban public celebrations on December 31, he reasoned.

However, the government has decided to allow parties in hotels, resorts and other places by issuing directives to hotel managements to ensure adherence of Covid norms, said Ashok. P2

EXPRESS READ

BBMP hikes fines for mask rule violation

Bengaluru: The BBMP on Saturday ruled that going forward, owners of commercial establishments who allow customers into their premises without masks will have to cough up a fine from ₹5,000 to ₹1 lakh. P3

Move to rename campus stokes row

T'puram: The ruling LDF and opposition Congress in Kerala on Saturday flayed the Centre's decision to name the second campus of Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology after late RSS ideologue M S Golwalkar. P7

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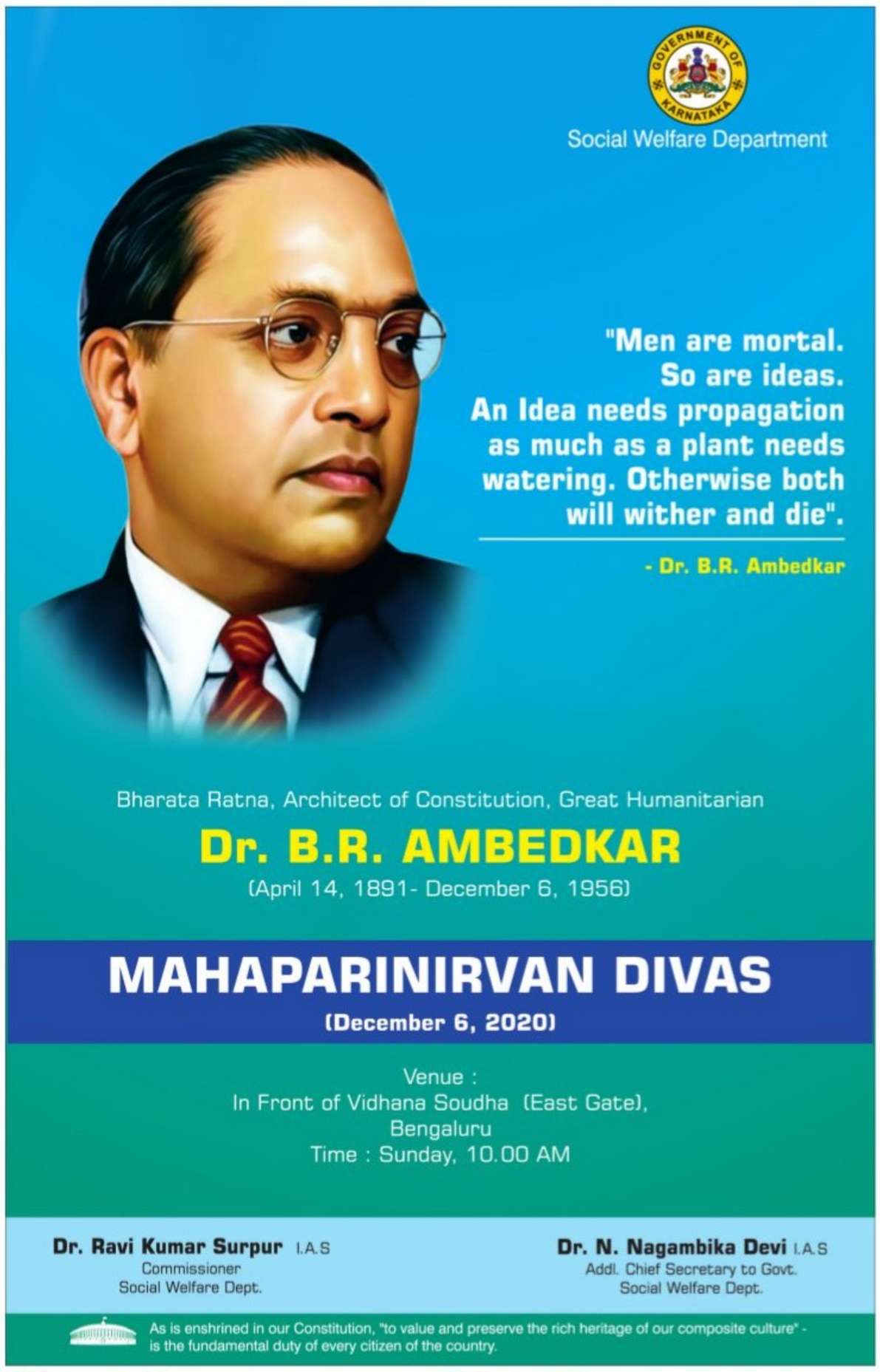
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WEATHER
MIN 20°C | MAX 23°C
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Light showers. Mostly cloudy

Sunrise 6.28 am
Sunset 5.52 pm
Moonrise 11.11 pm
Moonset 11.19 am

A NEW PAGE: REVIVING A PIECE OF HISTORY

Nagarabastikere, a hamlet in Uttara Kannada district, to be promoted as a cultural hotspot

PICS: SUBHASH CHANDRA N S

SUBHASH CHANDRA N S @ Nagarabastikere (Uttara Kannada)

ABOUT 38 km from Honnavar in the thickets of the Western Ghats, a tiny road disappears into Gerusoppa, amidst the tall and well-grown thorny rattans, where even rainfall and sunlight struggle to penetrate. This green stretch leads to river Sharavathi whose wild current appears to be in a hurry to meet the Arabian Sea. After crossing this mighty river, those passionate about history come face to face with a piece of heaven on earth --- the historical Nagarabastikere -- capital of Gerusoppa rulers. A once prosperous kingdom, it is now lost amidst the withered leaves of the green canopy.

Nestling amidst this heavily forested land, Gerusoppa has always enchanted people. It is home to art and architecture, a kingdom which quietly contributed to the glory of the then world's richest Vijayanagara Empire. It does not even bask in its glory, but rests far from the anthropogenic pressure in the jungles allowing its dilapidated stones and structures to tell the tales of its glorious history as a spice capital.

There is some ray of hope for this forgotten land. Considering its historical and archaeological significance, the department of tourism has decided to promote the place as a tourism hub. "We are planning a circuit of Banavasi, Chaturbasti and a few more Jain Bastis in Haliyal. We will provide basic amenities like water, toilet and refreshments," says Purushottam, Deputy Director, Tourism.

However, he is well aware that the region being in the forest, it is not commercially viable. But he has a plan for it. "Nagarabastikere will be touted as an educational and cultural hotspot," he says.

Nagarabastikere was the capital of the Kingdom of Saluvas of Gerusoppa, The kings followed Jainism. The history of the Saluvas finds its reference from 1360 after the Vijayanagara kings who came to power in 1336 and expanded their kingdom up to the coastal region. Gerusoppa's rulers served as their subordinates.

A desecrated idol of Garuda

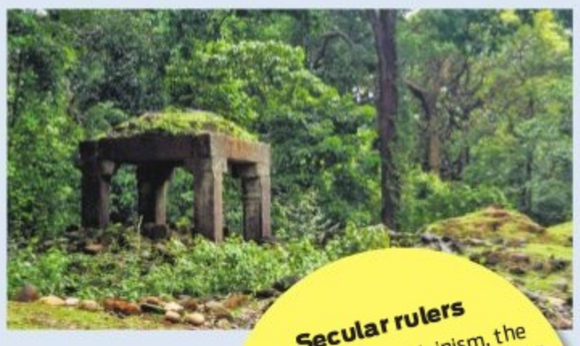
Under the Vijayanagara Empire, Gerusoppa ruled over a vast area. "They ruled over Tulunadu, (Udupi to Kundapur) and from Arabian Sea to Sagar in Shivamogga and Konkona and from Gangavalli River in the North bank to Goa. The later rulers were restricted from Bhatkal in the North to Gangavalli River in the South," says Shyamsunder Gouda, a historian and archaeologist in Uttara Kannada.

The glory of Gerusoppa dynasty reached its peak when two sisters –Channadevi, who ruled from Haduvali near Bhatkal from 1443, and Channabhairadevi who ascended the throne in 1552. After the death of her sister, Channbhairadevi merged both the kingdoms. She created history by defending her kingdom against the Portuguese. She was the third woman to do so after Rani Abakka and her own sister Channadevi. After the battle of Talikota in 1565, which wiped out the Vijayanagara Empire, Channabhairadevi ruled Gerusoppa as an independent ruler until her death in 1609.

She is considered the longest reigning queen in Indian history -- ruled for 57 years. A war and economic strategist, the queen repulsed the attack of Portuguese twice.

"Channabhairadevi had gone to war against the Portuguese once in 1559 and again in 1570. She crushed the Portuguese maritime forces with her military strategy," informs Shyamsunder Gouda.

Nagarabastikere today beckons thousands of people. The most beautiful among them is the Chaturmukha Basthi constructed by Channabhairadevi. It is built on a huge platform in the Vijayanagara style with four entrances. "The town which is in ruins today has been described as the most beautiful place by several medieval travellers and British officials," says Shyamsunder. Accordingly in 1623, an Italian traveller, Pietro Della Vella, described it as the most beautiful place. In 1845, a Briitish Captain Newbold too made a similar comment.

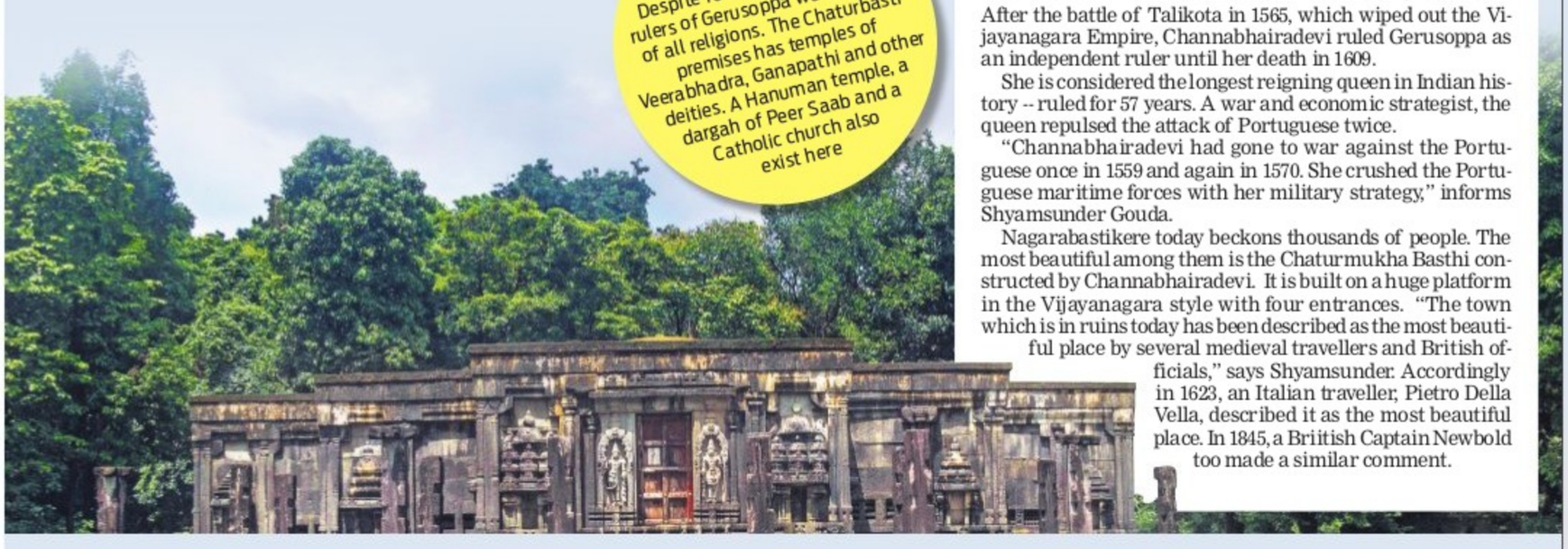


Pepper Kingdom and Pepper queen

Channabhairadevi was known as the 'Gersappa Rainha Da Pimenta' by Portuguese meaning 'The Pepper Queen'. This is because of her economic strategy as she controlled the production of pepper, fixed the rates and controlled its sale. Ships loaded with pepper and spices traded with western countries. Honnavar functioned as a harbour for internal trade, while Bhatkal was an intercontinental harbour.

Secular rulers

Despite following Jainism, the rulers of Gerusoppa were patrons of all religions. The Chaturbasti premises has temples of Veerabhadra, Ganapathi and other deities. A Hanuman temple, a dargah of Peer Saab and a Catholic church also exist here



Some of the most popular sites in Gerusoppa

Kavita Mishra tends to some saplings on her farm

THE SCENT OF SUCCESS

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LUSH vegetation, the chirping of birds, snakes and insects in every shape and colour -- that's what you will find when you visit Kavita Sandal Farm. Located in Manvi taluk of Raichur district, there is a sense of calm that prevails at this farm, but life here is anything but slow. Kavita Mishra, sandalwood cultivator and progressive farmer, who owns this farm, has turned the patch into a lucrative business.

After doing her MA in Psychology and getting a Diploma in Computer Science, she dreamt of joining the IT sector. However, her husband Umashankar refused to let her move out of the village to work as the family would look down on it. Though Kavita got an offer from Infosys, Umashankar told her to develop eight acres of the 45 acres he owned.

Instead of getting disheartened, Kavita decided to take this up as a challenge. She sold the jewellery her parents gave her to convert the eight acres into an organic farm. She learnt the lay of the land, and spoke to experts on how to make a business out of cultivation. Initially, she grew fruits and horticulture crops. However, the turning point financially was when she started growing sandalwood and fruit-bearing trees, bringing her lakhs of rupees each month.

One thing Kavita was sure of was that she didn't want to depend on chemical fertilizers. With the help of the workers on her farm, Kavita made organic fertilizer with cow urine and sheep dung. A total of 10 women and two men work at the farm, while several others have been provided with employment. Kavita has been lauded for her environmental-friendly ways, as well as for empowering the poor farmers of the region.

Hundreds of birds call this farm home, resting on the numerous trees there. The birds, along with snakes, help keep insects and rats away instead of pesticides. Kavita has given instructions to workers and visitors that the birds and snakes not be disturbed. "The snakes do not harm us as long as we do not disturb them," Kavita says.

After years of efforts, Kavita has become one of the most successful sandalwood cultivators in the country, and provides saplings all over India. She has also entered into an agreement with KSDL (Karnataka Soaps and Detergent Limited) to supply sandalwood and red sander.

Currently, there are 2,100 sandalwood trees, 1,500 pomegranate trees, 90 mango trees, 300 lemon trees, 800 guava trees, 150 gooseberry trees, 150 drumstick plants, 100 curry leaf plants, 100 jasmine plants, 100 coconut trees and 100 custard apple trees at the farm. Other plants grown there include sweet lime, sapota, banana, coffee, pepper and turmeric.

To learn about her ways, visitors come to the farm on Sundays, and Kavita interacts with them. Visitors even come from other districts and states.

KEEPING THIEVES OUT

One of the biggest challenges in sandalwood cultivation is theft. Smugglers are constantly looking for ways to break into plantations. Recently, the Institute of Wood Science and Technology developed a microchip that can be inserted into these trees. "We can monitor the trees from anywhere in the world with this chip. I have also adopted eight guard dogs to keep miscreants out," Kavitha says.

REAPING THE AWARDS

For implementing the integrated farming system, Kavita has won several awards. These include, 'Best Farmer Award' from UAS Raichur (2013); 'Gold Award' from ICRISAT (2014); 'Kisan Jyoti Award' from Shivashakti Peetha Ilkal (2015); 'National Innovative Farmer' (2016); 'Best Horticulture Farmer Award'. She has also been recently nominated syndicate member at the Veterinary University, Bidar.

EXPRESS READ

Baiyappanahalli Terminal renamed

Bengaluru: The upcoming Baiyappanahalli Coaching Terminal in the Bengaluru Railway Division will be renamed as 'Sir M Visvesvaraya Terminal, Bengaluru' said an official release. A notification to this effect was made in the gazette on December 4. The naming of the station after the Bharat Ratna awardee and distinguished civil engineer was welcomed by many on social media but a few insisted that the English spelling in the gazette was wrong. **ENS**

Spl trains from city to Mangaluru, Jabalpur

Bengaluru: A special express train will be run between Bengaluru and Mangaluru from December 8 to 25 for four days a week. As per a release, the KSR Bengaluru-Mangaluru Central will depart from KSR at 10.30 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. In the return direction, the Mangaluru Central-KSR Bengaluru will depart from Mangaluru Central at 8.10 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. A superfast special will be run every week between Jabalpur and Yesvantpur from December 6. **ENS**

CLEAN SWEEP

Plog run yields 19 bags of rubbish

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THE residents of Vasanth Nagar and members of Citizens for Citizens (C4C) organised an 8km Plog run on Saturday morning in Vasanth Nagar ward, along with the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike officials.

BBMP Commissioner N Manjunatha Prasad participated in the Run where he also picked up littered garbage in the areas and roads surrounding Mount Carmel College.

Over 40 citizens participated in the event, where they divided themselves into four groups and covered 2km each. In all, 19 bags full of garbage and plastic items were collected in the drive.

The participants collected plastic, paper, bottles, and such other litter from roads and footpaths. The four teams covered the area between Palace Road, Miller's Road, Cunningham Road and 1st Main Road, Vasanth Nagar, in about 45 minutes. All the bags of garbage were handed over to the BBMP.

Founder of India Plog Run Ramakrishna Ganesh also participated in the run and gave instructions on how it has to be done. He said: "Plogging is a combination of promoting cleanliness as well as good health."

Raj Duggar, Convenor of C4C, said, "At the end of the Run, not only the 40 participants became aware and conscious of their actions, but also the other residents of the area, who saw how the waste was being picked up and by whom. It brought in a sense of responsibility among citizens."

The BBMP Commissioner said, "I am happy that citizens have come forward to clean up Vasanth Nagar in this manner."

Airport halt station to be launched next week

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THE Kempegowda International Airport Halt (KIAH) Station will be launched next week, said Bangalore Divisional Railway Manager Ashok Kumar Verma. Addressing a virtual press briefing on Saturday, Verma said a proposal to introduce new trains has been sent to the Railway Board.

E Vijaya, Deputy General Manager and Chief Public Relations Officer, told TNSE, "At present there are eight trains running in this section for which stoppages will be provided at KIA station. In addition to that, six new trains have been proposed. Two of the trains will run from Majestic to Devanahalli while one will run from Yelahanka to Devanahalli."

The first train will depart from Majestic at 4.45 am and the second one at 9 pm. From Yelahanka, the train will depart at 7 am. In the opposite direction, the train will depart at 6.30 am to Yelahanka, 7.45 am to Majestic and 10.30 pm to Bengaluru Cantonment. "Everything is tentative as of now, We await the approvals," she added.

Six special suburban train services will be run from Bengaluru for a 10-day period from Monday. The DRM said. "We have proposed running similar trains to Dharmpuri, Bangarpet, Jolarpet and Kolar." Depending on the patronage, we will decide whether to increase or scale down operations, he added.

The Sir M Visvesvariah Coaching Terminal will be commissioned in February 2021, the DRM said. Responding to a query on unused COVID special coaches created in the Division, Verma said that they could be easily dismantled and would be used to transport perishables.

BMTC BEGINS ADVANCE BOOKING FOR VAYU VAJRA

Bengaluru: The Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) has commenced providing people advance booking facility to avail Vayu Vajra services, for commuting to the Kempegowda International Airport from the city. On a daily basis, the BMTC makes 164 trips from Bengaluru city to the airport, and 171 trips from the airport to the city. Citizens can book seats either from the KSRTC counters or online (www.ksrtc.in). Group booking will draw a 5 per cent discount on basic fare when four or more seats are booked on a single ticket. In case of return journeys, a discount of 10 per cent will also be given on the basic fare, when to and fro tickets are booked in a single transaction, an official release stated. **ENS**

'Hotels hosting parties must follow norms'

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"BESIDES having only 50 per cent capacity, all hotels hosting parties must abide by the guidelines to be released by the Disaster Management Cell within a few days," Revenue Minister R Ashoka said.

Parties can also be held indoors with friends and families, but not publicly. "We are also planning to have passes issued to customers at hotels to avoid large gatherings for New Year parties. I will be holding another round of talks with the CM once I reach Bengaluru on Sunday," the minister added.

He indicated that there will be no curfew on New Year's Eve and added that no such discussion was held so far.

WARRIOR LIST

4.7 lakh health workers register for vaccine in Karnataka

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OVER 4.7 lakh health workers have registered for Covid-19 vaccination in Karnataka.

Dr Rajani Nageshrao, Deputy Director, Immunisation, Department of Health and Family Welfare told The New Sunday Express, "2,31,862 government and 2,46,133 private health workers have registered for vaccination. Many are yet to register and the final list will be updated shortly."

Dr Rajani added that the vaccine might be given from the primary health centres, anganwadis, and community health centres in the districts. "We are yet to receive clear instructions from the government as to where the vaccinations can be carried out. However, regular immunisations are usually done in PHCs, CHCs and anganwadis," the doctor said.

When asked if health workers are being trained for the process, Dr Rajani said that the training, which will be done virtually, is yet to begin in the state.

Meanwhile, a circular issued by Deputy Secretary of Health and Family Welfare, V Sushila stated that the Covid-19 war rooms can also be used as vaccination control rooms.

IISc STARTUPS GET READY FOR SECOND COVID WAVE

3 firms await different approvals to launch products, methods

PEARL MARIA DSOUZA @Bengaluru

Startups at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), incubated at the institute's Society of Innovation and Development, are getting ready to tackle the second wave of Covid-19 pandemic.

Azooka Labs, cofounded by Alex D Paul and Dr Fathima Benazir, is waiting for the United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) approval to scale up its facility to produce one million kits of RNAWRAPR, a medium to safely transport Covid test swabs.

This safer transportation practice can replace the current method, Alex told The New Sunday Express. He warned that with the current practice, there is a danger of infection spreading among healthcare workers. But with RNAWRAPR, the aqueous medium will inactivate the virus and retain the RNA, which can also be stored at room temperature, he added. This helps health workers transport the samples from tier-two and three cities to collection centres in tier-one cities.

Health workers collect details after swab test near Majestic Bus Station
ASHISHKRISHNA HP

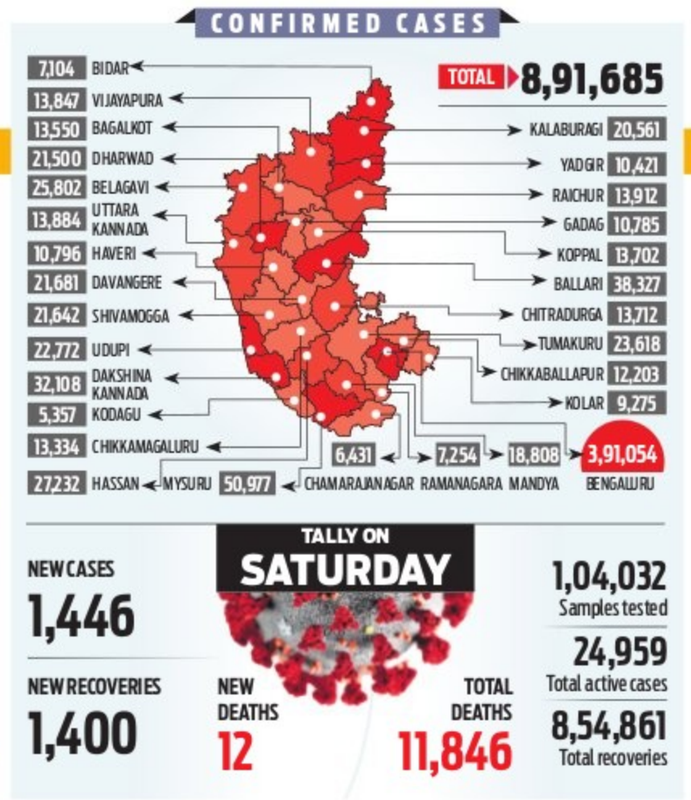
Vinay Kumar, co-founder and CEO of PathShodh, is awaiting for one of the last stages of approval for his product -- ICMR certification. His electrochemical detection of Covid is a notch up from the antiody ELISA (enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay) test, capturing the quantitative value of the antibody and letting one know how susceptible they are to contracting the virus a second time.

Clinical trials are complete in four hospitals at Vellore, and the electrochemical detection will bring the analysis to a device the size of a mobile phone or smaller. A tiny blood sample from a prick will be deposited on a small strip base and the device will let one know the quantity of antibodies present in the body. The device also resolves the data management issue.

Dr Subasis Sarangi, founder of Siamaf Healthcare, is looking to leverage his novel magnetic blood filtration system for critical Covid patients.

Sepsis, cancer or Covid reduces the immunity and cause a cytokine storm in a patient. To remedy this, the magnetic nanotechnology 'MafCyto' will take out cytokines through a method similar to dialysis.

MafCyto is currently in the pre-clinical study stage, and the invitro studies (animal testing) are expected to be completed in five months.



EXPRESS READ

State's recovery rate stands at 95.9 per cent

Bengaluru: The state's positivity rate has drastically come down in the past two month, from 12.24 per cent on October 1 to 7.78 per cent as on December 4. During October, Karnataka was among the top five states in the country with the highest positivity rate. However, now the state's position has come down to 13. Topping the chart is Maharashtra with 16.6% , followed by Goa at 13.6% , Chandigarh with 9.9% and Nagaland at 9.6%. With the reduction in positivity rate, there has also been a reduction in active cases, from 1,10, 412 cases on October 1 to 25,046 as of December 4. On Friday, the state recorded 1,325 new cases with 12 Covid deaths and 1,400 discharges. The total cases now stand at 8,91,685, while the total discharges are at 8,54,861. The state's recovery rate is now at 95.9 per cent. **ENS**

BBMP sets new fines for not wearing masks

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FROM now on, if owners of commercial establishments allow customers into their premises without masks, they will have to cough up a fine from Rs 5,000 to Rs 1 lakh.

The BBMP issued the new order on Saturday placing the onus on the owners of such establishments, including restaurants, malls, theatres, small roadside eateries, departmental stores and even organisers of public events and rallies.

"The BBMP marshals and health officials will have all the rights to fine the owners of shops, malls, theatres, restaurants, wedding halls, public event organisers and roadside eateries among others for letting anyone enter their premises without wearing a mask," the order stated.

COUGH UP MORE

- ₹5,000 — Small hotels, roadside eateries, darshinis, fast food joints, small shops
- ₹25,000 — Non-AC restaurants, party halls, shops and establishments, departmental stores, private bus stands and other public places
- ₹50,000 — AC restaurants, party halls, shops, stores, boutiques, cinemas, multiplexes, malls and public spaces
- ₹1lakh — 3-star hotels and above, wedding halls with capacity of 500-plus people
- ₹50,000 — Organisers of rallies, public gatherings and other programmes
- ₹10,000 — Any public place other than the ones mentioned above

Covid-19 patients can develop Bell's palsy too, say doctors

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FROM affecting the kidneys, lungs and heart, many doctors are now seeing cases of facial nerve paralysism called as Bell's palsy, amongst Covid-19 patients. They warn that if this is left untreated, it can lead to Guillain Barre syndrome (rare disorder in which the immune system attacks the nerves and can paralyse the whole body).

Bell's palsy is a condition that causes temporary weakness or paralysis of the facial muscles. It can usually occur when a nerve that controls the muscles becomes inflamed, swollen or compressed.

Recently, a 50-year-old man had facial paralysis which was preceded by cold. He sought medical intervention at a private hospital and, upon conducting a test, he tested positive for Covid-19.

Dr Anuradha H K, Neurology consultant at Aster CMI Hospital, said that in the last 3 months, she had come across 15-20 cases of Bell's paralysis and that the exact aetiology (cause) is unknown. "We think that the Covid-19 infection is causing inflammation of the facial nerve. Facial paralysis has been happening among patients of all age groups. The consolation is that the condition is not life-threatening and can be easily managed."

Dr Saravanan S, Neurologist, Prakriya Hospitals said, "The post-infectious peripheral nerve demyelination is known to cause Bell's palsy. If a patient develops paralysis on both sides rapidly, then they need to be monitored to see if they are developing Guillain Barre syndrome and should be treated early."

Doctors also say that the condition is being seen post recovery too among Covid-19 patients. "In some cases, facial paralysis is seen after a week or 10 days of Covid infection, which suggests probable inflammatory aetiology post infection. Also, diabetic patients currently are at an increased risk of Bell's palsy because of lower immunity levels," added Dr Anuradha.

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O/o Executive Engineer
Rural Drinking Water & Sanitation Division,
First Floor, Zilla Panchayat Building, S. Kariyappa Road, Banashankari, (Near Banashankari Temple) Bangalore-560070.
No. EE/RDW&SD/BNG(U)/TND/21/2020-21 Date : 05.12.2020
E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
Tenders are invited through e-procurement for the works approved Under JJM / (WQMSP) Head of grants for the year 2020-21 The Tender Documents can be obtained and submitted on or before **15.12.2020** up to **5.00** pm For further details contact the above address during office hours or visit **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**
Sd/-
Executive Engineer
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Department of Atomic Energy
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
Advanced Machines Division,
Yelwal, Mysore - 571130
Telephone : 0821-240 6160/6685/6201/6523 .Fax : 0821-240 3064
BRIEF TENDER NOTICE Date : 26.11.2020
TENDER NOTICE No.: BARC/MYS/AMD/MTM/WO/01/2020/210
The Superintending Engineer, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mysuru invites on behalf of the President of India, Sealed item rate tenders from experienced Contractors with sound financial & technical capacity for the following work(s):

Sl. No.	Description	Details
1	Name of the Work	Re-Conditioning of Housing-G3: Collection of Housing-G3,from BARC Site Mysuru Machining, Inspection, Packing, Forwarding & Safe delivery of the same to BARC , Mysuru
2	Estimated Cost	₹Rs. 21, 24, 000/- Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand only) Inclusive of GST
3	Completion Period	12 Months
4	Earnest Money	₹42,480/- Rupees Forty Two thousand Four Hundred Eighty only)
5	Cost of Tender Document	₹500/- (Rupees Five hundred only) Non-Refundable
6	Sale of Tender Documents	From 07.12.2020 To 18.12.2020 16.00 Hrs
7	Due date & time for submission of Tender	21.12.2020 up to 15.00 Hrs
8	Date & time of opening of Tender	21.12.2020 up to 15.15 Hrs
9	Place of Tender Submission	Tender Box having identification No. 3 at Building No.2.
10	Place of Tender opening	O/o Pay and Accounts Officer, BARC, Mysuru Building No. 2
11	Class of Contractor	Normal Public Tender

Sd/- Superintending Engineer
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
For & on behalf of the President of India

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
No.EEAPL/Tender/2019-20/03/
Tengnoupal Division, PWD, Manipur
Camp: Imphal the 3rd Dec., 2020.
The Executive Engineer, Tengnoupal Division, PWD, Manipur, on behalf of the Governor of Manipur, invites item rate tender through manual tender from approved and eligible contractors of PWD, Manipur for 10 (Ten) nos. of works at a 5,74,90,392.00, each work costing less than 1 (One) crore, within Tengnoupal Division, PWD, Manipur.
The procurement officer is Executive Engineer, Tengnoupal Division, PWD, Manipur. The tender details and documents shall be available from 18-12-2020 to 23-12-2020, at the office of the Executive Engineer, Tengnoupal Divison, PWD, Manipur.

Bid submission start	:	21-12-2020
Bid submission ends	:	23-12-2020
Date of opening of bid	:	11:30 a.m. of 24-12-2020 till the end.
Venue of opening of tender	:	Office of the Executive Engineer, Tengnoupal Division, PWD Complex Khuyathong.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Public are hereby informed that my client have negotiated for the purchase of the immovable property described in the Schedule hereunder from its owner **Mrs. NOOR AYSHA KHANUM,** wife of Dr. Syed Siddique Ahmed, Daughter of Mr. Hyder Ali Khan, residing at Flat No.2132, 13th Floor, "Casa Paradiso" Sobha City, Hegde Nagar, Banglore : 560 077.
The Owner represents that the Original registered Deed of Absolute Sale dated 01.01.2011, executed by Mr. Aslam Sheriff, son of Mr. Mohammed Sheriff, infavour of M/s. Naseeria Educational and Charitable Trust, and registered as document No.6363/2010-11 of Book-I, Stored in CD No. BNSD 76, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar (Banaswadi) Bangalore, in respect of the Schedule Property, has been lost and that inspite of best efforts is unable to trace the same and has in this regard Mrs. Noor Aysha Khanum, also lodged a Police complaint with the jurisdictional police. The said Mrs. Noor Aysha Khanum further represents that she has not mortgaged, lien or encumbered the Schedule Property in any manner.
Any person/s having or claiming any manner of right, title, lien and interest in respect of the Schedule property or having any claim arising out of the said lost/misplaced original Absolute Sale Deed dt.01.01.2011, may intimate the same in writing to the undersigned with documentary evidence in support thereof within fifteen days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the claims of all such person/s shall be deemed to have been waived or abandoned and my clients will proceed with the conveyance as if no valid claims are subsisting against the Schedule property.
SCHEDULE
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NORTH BY : Site bearing No. 28;
SOUTH BY : Site bearing No.26;
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NORTH to SOUTH : 30 feet;
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T.K. GOWHAR BASSHA, Advocate
S.A. KHAYUM ASSOCIATES, No. 65, Wellington Street, Richmond Town, Bangalore-560 025. Mobile : 98452 15566.
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KARNATAKA STATE FINANCIAL CORPORATION
Branch Office : No. 153/A, K.R.Road, Subhash Nagar, Mandya-571401, Phone No. 08232-226744/226745
Ref:KSFC/MDY/R-3416/D-1631/2020-21 Dated: 5.12.2020
DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SARFAESIA
Demand Notice Under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, has been issued to the Borrower / owner/s of Security Assets of M/s Virat Creators as stated below: (1) **Sri. Suresh.N.** S/o N.S. Narasimhamurthy- Borrower of M/s Virat Creators, Khata No.44, Devihalli, Bellur Cross, Nagamangala Taluk, Mandya District & Co-owner of Secured assets. **(2) Smt. Anandamma** W/o N.S. Narasimhamurthy } Secured assets owner & Personal guarantor. **(3) Smt. N. Vasanthi** d/o N.S. Narasimhamurthy.} Secured assets Co-owner. All the above are residing at No.2349/1095, Tank Road, Old Post Office Road, Nagamangala Town, Mandya district.
SECURED ASSET: All that piece and parcel of the land and building bearing pattana Panchayat Katha/Assessment No.2349/1095, Old Post Office Road, (Rank Road) Nagamangala town, Mandya District, measuring East to West 28 Feet and North to South 62 Feet together with the building structures constructed and to be constructed thereupon and bounded by: East by : Property of N.S. Nanjunda Bhatta, (Present owner Sri. T. Venkatesh) West by: Property of Sri. Krishnappa. North by : Conservancy and property of Venkataramu. South by : Tank Road.
Sub: Financial assistance sanctioned by KSFC-Default Committed.
The undersigned as Authorised Officer of Karnataka State Financial Corporation had issued a Demand Notice U/s 13(2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the Act) to the address furnished by you Smt. N. Vasanthi d/o N.S. Narasimhamurthy and Sri. N. Suresh and Smt. Anandamma to whom the original notice were served. Since you Smt. N. Vasanthi d/o N.S. Narasimhamurthy was not found in the said address, evading service of Demand Notice sent on 19/11/2020, KSFC served the demand notice by affixture at the place of your residencial property on 04/12/2020. We had mentioned in the said notice that the proprietor has defaulted in repayment of the loan sanctioned by KSFC and that the account has been classified as a Non Performing Asset in the Books of the Corporation.
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ಸಹಿ/-
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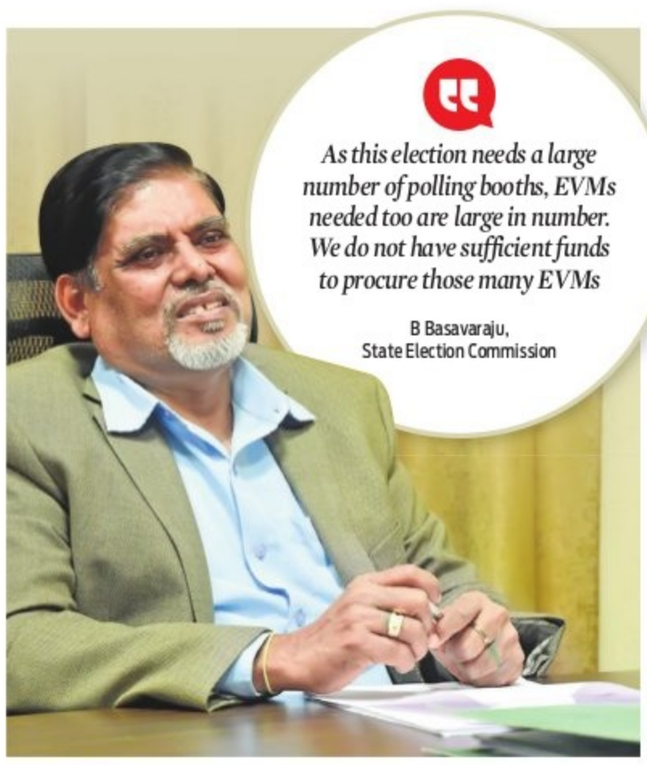
GEARING UP FOR VACCINE Over 4.7 lakh health workers have registered to recieve vaccination for Covid-19 in Karnataka. Many are yet to register, and the list will be updated shortly

SUNDAY INTERVIEW

'WE'RE READY, WE'D STARTED PREPARING FOR GP POLLS EARLIER'

State Election Commissioner B Basavaraju says more money needed for Covid-related measures; expects funds soon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B Basavaraju, State Election Commission

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

IN all, 82,121 members to be elected from over 6,000 Gram Panchayats across the state. The State Election Commission (SEC) has a massive task at hand when it holds the panchayat polls in two phases on December 22 and 27, under the shadow of Covid pandemic. State Election Commissioner B Basavaraju is, however, confident that the SEC is well prepared for the crucial, grassroots-level polls. In an interview with The Sunday Express, he hoped that the polling percentage this time will increase as many people have returned to their villages after the Covid outbreak. But there are also some apprehensions that people may stay away from polling booths fearing the pandemic. The SEC will deploy 2.7 lakh staff in 45,128 polling booths for the elections that are being fought intensely. Here are excerpts:

Do you have sufficient time for Gram Panchayat poll preparations?
Dates were announced recently. But much before that, we had started the preparations, including readying the voters' list. We have sufficient time even now. Everything is ready and the elections will be smooth.

Elections are being held amid the Covid pandemic. What are your apprehensions?
We are holding the elections after passing through many hurdles. We are spending money on measures to protect people from Covid. But our apprehension is, what if people don't turn up at the polling booths fearing the Covid situation. At the same time, since many people have returned to their villages for various reasons, we hope that there will be an increase in polling percentage.

Will there be Covid testing after the elections?
This election involves a large number of people, including the voters, candidates and polling staff. We will conduct random testing with the help of health department officials. It has to be done.

EVMs are being used only in Bidar district. Why is it not extended to all the districts?
As this election needs a large number of polling booths, EVMs needed too are large in number. We do not have sufficient funds to procure those many EVMs. We will write to the State Government, asking them to procure EVMs for two to three districts every year to lessen the burden.

Do you have sufficient funds to hold the elections?
As per our estimation, we may need Rs 250 crore and we expect the government to release the funds in two to three instalments. The financial requirement is high this time as we need to take Covid-related precautionary measures too. Also, we are trying to cut down unnecessary expenditure. We have written to all the deputy commissioners to list the number of existing thermal scanners with the district administrations, and we will procure the remaining. As the last one hour of polling has been dedicated to Covid-infected people, we need PPE kits and other facilities too. We have requested the Health Department to take care of this.

Do you have sufficient polling staff?
We need 2.7 lakh people. Unlike in previous years, we have divided all districts into two halves this time. First half of all districts will face elections in the first phase and the second half in the second phase. This means that the polling staff deputed for the first phase are sent for the second phase within the same district. This also eliminates the necessity of transporting the polling staff from one district to another.

Will SEC release any standard operating procedure (SOP)?
The Election Commission of India had issued SOPs for the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections. Since ours is Panchayat election, we cannot use the same SOPs. We have made some changes and added a few more. We issued our SOPs sometime back and if needed, we will add a few more.

Siddu soft on BJP, helped them often: HDK

K SHIVAKUMAR @Mysuru

Former chief minister H D Kumaraswamy accused Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah of being soft on the BJP, saying it has been proved on several occasions, including on the floor of the Assembly.

Denying charges that JDS has entered into an understanding with BJP and is warming up to Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, Kumaraswamy said he will not mislead people, like Siddaramaiah, but will meet BJP leaders in broad daylight. "When the situation arises, I will disclose Siddaramaiah met whom and what time," he added.

Kumaraswamy said that he is not against anyone meeting Yediyurappa at his home-office Krishna. "But why meet him secretly," he asked.

He said that Siddaramaiah gifted away 105 seats to BJP with Congress branding JDS as a B team of BJP, which kept many away from JDS, shattering the party's chances of winning 70-80 seats.

He said it would not have been difficult for him to continue as chief minister if he had joined hands with BJP. "The BJP is less harmful than Congress, which trapped me after I fell in line with Deve Gowda's wishes. I was in tears within a month of taking charge, as I knew what was Congress doing behind the scene. I had allocated Rs 19,000 crore to constituencies represented by Congress legislators, but they failed to cooperate with me. The Congress pulled down his government hoping that it will come to power. But after Yediyurappa assumed office, they have given up all hopes," he added.

He said that the BJP has lured voters in Gram Panchayats by announcing Rs 1 crore to panchayat elected members and assuring funds for temples.

It is unfortunate that Yediyurappa visited Belagavi for the BJP State Executive meeting, but did not visit a village panchayat in the region that has been hit hard by floods for the last two years, he added.

Reviving JDS

Kumaraswamy said that JDS will come out with plans to revive the party by going to the people after the Sankranti festival.

He accused former JDS president A H Vishwanath of betraying the party that gave him a political rebirth.

Former chief minister H D Kumaraswamy and JDS leader Sa Ra Mahesh address a press conference in Mysuru on Saturday | UDAYSHANKARS S

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HD Kumaraswamy, JDS leader and former CM

He shed tears for political gains: Siddu

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"TEARS in (JDS leader) Kumaraswamy's eyes are not new. He sheds tears for good things and bad things. His tears have no value. It is common in Deve Gowda's family," said Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah, here on Saturday.

"Kumaraswamy is an expert in lying. He makes statements according to his convenience. (In 2018), JDS had won only 37 Assembly seats, while Congress had 80 seats. Despite that, we offered the CM post to him. He ruled for 12 months under the coalition government, but was doing so sitting at a hotel, while not being available to any MLAs or ministers," he alleged.

On Kumaraswamy saying he allocated thousands of crores to constituencies represented by Congress MLAs, Siddaramaiah asked, "Did he give the money from his pocket? We had made him CM and he allocated funds. It was the people's tax money for development works."

The BJP government has not conducted the legislative session in Belagavi for the past three years but is holding the executive meet. "What was the point of building the Suvarna Vidhana Soudha at Rs 400 crore? The government gave the reason of Covid. But is Bengaluru free of the pandemic," he asked. On cow slaughter bill, he said that farmers know best. "The RSS never rears cattle and is not aware of the problems. They are trying to divide society for their political gain," he added.

'NO POINT DEBATING NOW'

Belagavi: Hitting back at former CM and JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy for his comments over the JDS-Congress coalition, KPCC working president Satish Jarkiholi said, "The coalition chapter is closed. There is no need to talk about it now." Speaking to reporters from Sambra airport in Belagavi on Saturday, he said the former chief minister need not bring up old topics now and create room for debate. "There is no use creating a debate now. A committee has to be formed to find out the truth behind what went wrong with the coalition government," he said, adding, "Who knows what happened with the coalition and the leaders. I will not speak about it now. I am not a big person to speak on leaders such as Kumaraswamy and BS Yeddiyurappa." ENS

BBMP elections: Bengaluru BJP MLAs to meet on Monday

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BJP MLAs from Bengaluru will hold a meeting on Monday to discuss the next course of action following the Karnataka High Court direction to hold the BBMP elections with 198 wards at the earliest.

On Friday, the High Court directed the State government to announce reservation and hold the BBMP elections within six weeks after the reservation notification is announced.

Earlier, the BJP government had issued a notification to increase the number of existing 198 wards to 243. And the government initiated moves to bring a dedicated BBMP bill,

which is now before the Joint Select Committee. The HC, however, said BBMP elections have to be done for 198 wards.

A few BJP MLAs including ministers Dr C N Ashwath Narayan and S T Somashekar attended the meeting in Bengaluru on Saturday. However, many City MLAs including Aravind Limbavali, S R Vishwanath and R Ashoka who went to Belagavi to attend the party's core committee meeting on Friday are said to be still there.

"As the legislature session will begin on Monday, all MLAs will be in Bengaluru. City MLAs will meet to discuss the next step," minister Somashekar said. BJP sources said they had announced a dedicated BBMP act and decentralised administration for Bengaluru. "We cannot violate the HC direction and have to conduct the elections at the earliest. If elections are held, we cannot divide the wards equally and the BBMP bill cannot be taken up. We will discuss with legal experts and Law Minister Madhuswamy on approaching the Supreme Cour," said sources.

EXPRESS READ

BJP, Cong gen secys in Karnataka to meet party workers

Bengaluru: Ahead of the Panchayath elections later this month, BJP national general secretary in-charge of Karnataka Arun Singh and AICC General Secretary in-charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala are in Karnataka to attend meetings to discuss strategies. Singh was in Belagavi on Friday and Saturday attending the party's core committee and state executive committee meetings. Many issues including poll strategy and picking of candidates for bypolls to Maski and Basavakalyana constituencies will be discussed. Surjewala will be addressing Congress leaders at the Palace Grounds in Bengaluru on Sunday. ENS

Kateel: Govt keen on clearing love jihad, cow slaughter Bills in next legislature session

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@ Belagavi

THE BJP State Executive in Belagavi, which held marathon meetings at Gandhi Bhavan, has deliberated on cow slaughter and Love Jihad Bills which the state government is keen to clear in the coming legislature session, said BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel, here on Saturday.

Given the rising incidents of Love Jihad, particularly in Sullia and other parts of Malnad, the government is serious about bringing the Bill immediately, he said. "We have found several cases of Love Jihad aimed at religious conversion. To tackle such a grave matter, it is vital for the government to bring the Bill at the earliest," he added after the end of State Executive.

He also highlighted several instances to defend his party's stand on clearing the Cow Slaughter Bill and said leaders held discussions on both issues in detail at the State Executive.

On forming the party Election Execution Committee, he said that the process was delayed due to the Covid19 situation. But it was constituted at the Belagavi meet on Saturday and the State Executive also took a decision to form the party's Disciplinary Committee soon, he added.

BJP leaders at the state executive committee meeting in Belagavi on Saturday

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On the upcoming Gram Panchayat elections, he said that party activists and leaders have been told to support party contestants in their respective regions.

Reacting to MLA Basangouda Patil Yatnal's statements on the change of guard in the state and cabinet expansion, he said, "The party has issued a stern warning to all members against giving statements related to important issues. The party will take steps to deal firmly with members who violated the party diktat and spoke against party's interests."

He refused to comment on what action was taken against Yatnal, who had said that the party would replace B S Yediyurappa as chief minister. Kateel, however, said the party will take serious cognisance of statements issued by some leaders against the party interest.

On the expansion of state cabinet, he said that Yediyurappa will take a final decision in consultation with the party top leadership. The issue of cabinet rests solely with the CM, he added.

In all, 135 members participated in the meeting physically, while a large number attended it virtually. MLC Ganesh Karnik, MLA Abhay Patil, BJP rural district president Anil Benake and former MLA Anil Patil were present at the press conference.

AIRPORT RENDEVOUZ

Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa and senior Congress leaders Siddaramaiah and DK Shivakumar spend some time together at the lounge in Belagavi airport on Saturday. All three were flying back to Bengaluru from Belagavi | EXPRESS

'One district, one crop' training for farmers

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AGRICULTURE department will provide training to farmers under the Central Government's Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan to help them with better packaging and branding of agricultural produce and to promote small food processing industries in the state.

Agriculture Minister B C Patil on Saturday said training to encourage "one district, one crop" concept will be given to 500 farmers between January 11 and March 30. The last two days of the six-day programme conducted for a batch of 50 farmers will focus on branding and marketing of agricultural produce, especially corn, tur dal and millets.

Training will be provided to farmers at the Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru. On Saturday, Patil held a meeting with senior officers from CFTRI to discuss details of the training programme.

Patil said encouraging small food processing units in the unorganized sector, farmers self-help groups and cooperatives is the major objective of this initiative. Agriculture and other departments concerned will identify crops in each district, he said. Senior officers from the agriculture department also attended the meeting.

LUKEWARM RESPONSE TO K'TAKA BANDH IN BENGALURU

Traffic affected in few areas; stones thrown at BMTC bus in KR Puram

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THE Karnataka Bandh on Saturday had no major impact on normal life in Bengaluru. The bandh was called by pro-Kannada organisations to oppose the formation of the Maratha Development Corporation.

Shops and commercial establishments were open and autos, cabs and buses plied as usual.

However, traffic was thrown out of gear for about half an hour near Maurya Circle, Race Course Road, Corporation Circle and Mekhri Circle. More than 5,000 activists were taken into preventive custody by the city police.

The protesters blocked the road at Town Hall and Mysuru Bank Circle. Members of Karnataka Rakshana Vedike headed by Narayanagowda tried to protest in front of the Chief Minister's house on Kumarakrupa Road but they were bundled into a bus and taken away.

The protesters in KR Puram allegedly pelted stones at a BMTC bus.

Speaking to the media, Kannada activist Vatal Nagaraj claimed that more than 20,000 Kannada activists were taken into preventive custody when they were coming to the city to participate in the bandh. He said police who came in mufti forced them to return to their houses.

Kannada activists raise slogans against the State Government's decision to set up the Maratha Development Corporation, in Bengaluru on Saturday | MEGHANA SASTRY

"We won't stop protesting till the CM resigns. We have called a meeting on Wednesday to launch a Jail bharo agitation against the CM's decision of forming the Maratha Development Corporation," he said.

Narayanagowda and others who were detained were released in the afternoon. He alleged that the government was trying to intimidate them by taking them into preventive custody.

NO LICENCE

Four teens held for illegal gold business

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

FOUR youngsters, who were allegedly involved in a gold business without possessing any valid license, have been arrested by the CCB, whose officials also seized gold weighing 1.477 kg and other valuables from the accused.

The accused have been identified as Nikhil, Gaurav Phadnis, Sumir Sheikh (all aged 18 years), and Gaurav Tukaram (19). Police said that the Special Enquiry Squad of the CCB received information about an illegal gold business being run at a shop in Kempanna Lane at Nagarthapet, following which sleuths raided the location on Friday and arrested the fou.

"It was found that the accused were allegedly carrying out gold business without any valid licence. They were soldering gold into ingots and also stamping fake quality seals on them. Investigations are on to ascertain the source of the gold. We have seized 1.477 kg of gold and cash worth Rs 98,340 from the accused," the police added.

Submit steps to protect bustards: HC to State Govt

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THE Karnataka High Court has directed the state government to place on record the immediate measures proposed to protect the bird species, Great Indian Bustard (GIB), which is on the verge of extinction.

A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice S Vishwajith Shetty directed the state to submit an affidavit containing the measures by December 21, the next date of hearing.

The bench said that GIB, which are only eight in number in the state, is heading to extinction because of various reasons. It is the obligation of the state to protect wildlife, the bench said. "As per Article 48 of the Constitution, it is part of state policy to protect forest, wildlife and animals in the country," it said.

Roshan Baig gets bail in IMA case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

FORMER minister R Roshan Baig, who was arrested by the CBI in connection with the multi-crore IMA scam, has been granted bail by the Special Court for CBI cases, on Saturday.

Baig had moved a bail petition contending that the CBI had completed its probe and he was in no way connected with the case. His advocate had contended that Baig's name was not mentioned in the FIR, chargesheet or the supplementary chargesheet. "He (Baig) has not received any money from Mohammed Mansoor Khan or the IMA group of companies," the counsel had argued, adding that several other accused in the case were already out on bail and hence his client is also entitled to it.

However, the prosecution had strongly opposed granting of bail contending that the investigation had revealed that Baig had extracted huge sums of money from Khan and had utilised it during the Assembly and Lok Sabha elections. "Accused No. 2 in the case has stated that he had paid a huge amount of money to several bureaucrats and politicians as per instructions of the petitioner (Baig). Though the court had remanded him in police custody for three days, he was admitted to hospital and was taken to police custody for only one day," the prosecution had argued.

When the petition came up for hearing on Saturday, Special Judge for CBI Cases, Manjula Itty, observed that the investigating officer has already completed the investigation and submitted the chargesheet and is conducting further investigation to probe the involvement of others. "At this stage, the court cannot conclude that Accused No.36 (Baig) is innocent of the offences alleged against him, but there is no reason to reject bail as there are absolutely no prima facie materials produced by the prosecution to show that his further custodial interrogation is necessary".

The court further observed that documents and medical records produced shows that he is suffering from heart ailments and had undergone coronary angiography while in custody and hence, on medical ground too, he is entitled to be released on bail.

The bail conditions include that Baig should execute a personal bond for Rs 5 lakh with two sureties each for like sum, he should appear before the IO on every second and fourth Monday and shall not threaten or lure prosecution witness and others.

> He (Roshan Baig) has not received any money from Mohammed Mansoor Khan or the IMA group of companies m
>
> Roshan Baig's counsel

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public are hereby notified that, myclient intend to enter into Sale deed with **Siby Mathews, S/o.Joseph Mathews,** Age 67yrs, r/at Anayara P.O.,Trivandrum, state of Kerala, to purchase immovable property in Site No.D-49, formed in Sy.No. 25, Assment No.118 and partly Assment No.116 situated at Chokkasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore(U) District. msg **E to W:60ft,** and **N to S:40ft** in all measuring 2400sqfts, more fully described in the Schedule here under. It is represented by Siby Mathews as became absolute owner vide Sale Deed registered as **Doc.No. 4173/98-99, Book No.1, Stored in CDNo ICD024,** dated. 05-03-1999, registered in the office of the Sub-Regtr Anekal, Bangalore (U) District, executed by **K.Rajendran, S/o.Late.V. Krishnan,** vide his GPA Holder **V.Somanathan,** all documents of the property stands in the name of Siby Mathews and the said Siby Mathews in the possession and enjoyment of the Schedule property. In the event of any person/s having any claim/s or objection/s in relation to the Schedule property may lodge the same in writing with documentary proof there of, with the undersigned here in within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which it shall be presumed that there is no claim/ objection for my client to proceed with the sale transaction with Siby Mathews.

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The Superintending Engineer (Ele.), BESCOM, Kolar Circle invites Short Term Tender Notification through **Enquiry No.: 16, Dtd. 05-12-2020** for the work of **Providing 22 Nos of Maruthi Omni Vehicles Services on Hire Basis to the Existing 22 Nos of 24x7 Service Station (O & M Units) in Chickkaballapur Division, BESCOM, Kolar Circle through GOK e-Procurement mode. Bids available in e-Procurement from 08-12-2020 to 28-12-2020 upto 16.00 hrs.**

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement System)

The Secretary, Kalyana Karnataka Region Development Board (KKRDB), Kalaburagi hereby invites interested bidder for the "Supply of Project and Financial Management System (PFMS)" as per the terms and conditions and dates as below.

The tender document with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in and should be submitted through e-procurement system only.EMD is Rs. 5,00,000/- (Indian National Rupee Five Lakhs Only).

Event: 1) Date of publishing the RFP Document: 07/12/2020. 2) Submission of Queries: Date : 11/12/2020 Time : 16:00 hrs. 3) Pre-Proposal Conference I Date : 14/12/2020 Time : 16:00 hrs, 4) Submission of Queries: Date : 18/12/2020 Time : 16:00 hrs, 5) Pre-Proposal Conference II: Date : 21/12/2020 Time : 16:00 hrs, 6) Submission of Proposal : Date : 28/12/2020 Time : 16:00 hrs, 7) Opening of Technical Proposal: Date : 29/12/2020 Time : 16:30 hrs, 8) Opening of Financial Proposal Date : 31/12/2020 Time : 16:00 hrs

Sd/- Secretary
Kalyan Karnataka Region Development Board Kalaburagi
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Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department Division, Chitradurga

No.EE:PWD:CTA:JE-3/AE/1/AE-2/:Tender-74:2020-21: Dated: 27.11.2020

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Transparency in public procurement in Karnataka As per rules 2000 and regulations of the Standards Tender Documents as per the Act 2000, Executive Engineer, Public Works, Port and of Inland Water Transport Department on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Chitradurga, tenders for the following works has been invited through Single cover System and Two Cover System through the e-Procurement Portal from eligible contractors registered with the Public Work Department Karnataka. Eligible contractors can participate on the website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/ index.seam** for details on the tender.

Name of Works: E-Procurement Through Two Cover System: 5054-04-337-0-01-133: Special Development Plan (S.D.P) General: 1) The Hosadurga taluk is situated on the Hagalakere-Mathodu-Chikkabaladekere road, from 24.00 km to 28.00 km. Up to date development and decarbonisation of excerpts, **Estimated amount Rs.190.00 Lakhs, 2)** Hosadurga taluk is situated on the Srirampura-kanchipura road. The two-sided sewage, dexlab and approach roads are being developed for the road from 0.00 km to 1.00 km. **Estimated amount Rs.96.77 Lakhs, 3) Package-1:** a) Hiriyur Taluk, Imangala Yaraballi Road, Vaddikere village jurisdiction Cement Concrete Road, RCC Box drainage and deck slab works b) Construction of CC road in village limits Hiriyur Taluk, State Highway-24 to Metikurke-Shidlayyanakote Road Route T.O.Benahalli, Bidarakere Road-Bidarakere Village, **Estimated amount Rs.85.66 Lakhs 4)** Holalkere Taluk Shivaganga-Janakal Road is located at Km. 9.56 to 12.37 km and 14.50 from 16.00 upto date Road Development, **Estimated amount Rs.109.19 Lakhs 5)** Molakalmuru Taluk Srirangapattana-Jevargi Road from Andragadi Route Murudi, Shirekola, Karadihalli Road, 0.00 km to 5.00 km upto date Road Re-demobilization, **Estimated amount Rs.52.00 Lakhs 6)** The road from Bellary District boundary to Andhra Gadi in Molakalmur Taluk is Vaderahalli, JB Halli, Rampur, K.K,pura, Pennammanahalli approach road construction and development works for the bridge, **Estimated amount Rs.51.66 Lakhs.**

5054-04-337-0-01-135 Special Development Sub Planning Scheduled Caste Utilization (S.D.P, S.C.P) 7) Development and embankment of Devigere from Galirangaiah hatti road, **Estimated amount Rs.70.00 Lakhs** 8) Main development of Yerranehalli village boundary of Molakalmuru Taluk, **Estimated amount Rs.80.00 Lakhs.**

5054-04-337-0-01-136 Special Development Sub Planning Tribal Subsidy (S.D.P, T.S.P) 9) The Hosadurga taluk is situated on the Gulihatti from Papenahalli Taluk Road development and decarbonisation of excerpts, **Estimated amount Rs.72.34 Lakhs,**

E-Procurement Through Single Cover System: General: 5054-04-337-0-01-133: Special Development Plan (S.D.P) General: 10) Construction of CC in the village boundary of Challakere Taluk Obalapura, **Estimated amount Rs.20.00 Lakhs. 11)** Rampur-Badravu Road in MolakalmuruTaluk 3.45km Safety work for barrier construction and bridge, **Estimated amount Rs.25.00 Lakhs.**

5054-04-337-0-01-135 Special Development Program Scheduled Caste Utilization (S.D.P, T.S.P) : 12) Construction of CC Road at Hosadurga Taluk, Rangavvanahalli Bhovihatty, **Estimated amount Rs.15.00 Lakhs. 13)** Development and embankment of Hosadurga Taluk, Gulihatti bhovihatti from Taluk Gadi Road, **Estimated amount Rs.15.96 Lakhs 14)** Chikkobanahalli, Tumakurlahalli, Konasagara, Udevu Road, 16.50 km to 18.50 km upto date Road Re-demobilization, **Estimated amount Rs.23.82 Lakhs.**

5054-04-337-0-01-136 Special Development Planning Tribal Subsidy (S.D.P, T.S.P) 15) The Hiriyur Taluk, State Highway-24 from Bharampura Road, 19.20 from Hiriyur-V.V.Puram Road from Kolalu 16.60 km Route K.C.Roppa-Gopalapur Road, K.c.Roppa village Limits Road Development. **Estimated amount Rs.42.75 Lakhs. 16)** Challakere Taluku, Reddyhalli from Devaramarikunte Road, Development of Road from 1.55km from 2.40 km. **Estimated amount Rs.37.49 Lakhs. 17)** CC Road Construction at Challakere Taluk, Rekhalagere S.T.Colony. **Estimated amount Rs.12.50 Lakhs. 18)** The road from Bellary District boundary to Andhra is located at Chikkobanahalli, Tumakurlahalli, Konasagara, Udevu Road, between 7.93 to 8.00 km and 11.27 km from 11.40 km. CC Road Construction Works, **Estimated amount Rs.52.62 Lakhs.**

5054-04-337-0-01-133 Special Development Planning (S.D.P,): General: 19) Hiriyur Taluk, Pitlali from National Highway-4 Road route Kasturi Rangappanahalli Road, Pitlali village boundary Road Development. **Estimated amount Rs.40.00 Lakhs. 20)** Challakere Taluk, Chikkamadhure from Byalenahalli Road, 3.30 km from 3.88 in Road Development. **Estimated amount Rs.26.64 Lakhs.**

5054-04-337-0-01-136 Special Development Plan Tribal Subsidy (S.D.P, T.S.P) 21) C.C.Road Construction at Challakere Taluk, Gowrasamudra S.T. Colony. **Estimated amount Rs.12.50 Lakhs.**

5054-04-337-0-01-135 Special Development Program Scheduled Tribe Utilization (S.D.P, S.C.P) : 22) Development of Road at Hiriyur Taluk, State Highway-19, 195.50 from Route Hucchavvahalli Road 3.50 km from 4.50. **Estimated amount Rs.26.80 Lakhs.**

SL.No.10 to 22 works Tender dates are as mentioned below:

Last Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications	**21-12-2020**	**Time: 17.30**
Last Date & time for receipt of tenders	**22-12-2020**	**Time: 16.00**
Date & time for opening of Financial Bid	**23-12-2020**	**Time: 16.01**

SL.No.01 to 09 works Tender dates are as mentioned below:

Late Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications	**21-12-2020**	**Time: 17.30**
Last Date & time for receipt of tenders	**22-12-2020**	**Time: 16.00**
Date & time for opening of Technical Bid	**23-12-2020**	**Time: 16.01**
Date & time for opening of Financial Bid	**26-12-2020**	**Time: 11.00**

Further details can be obtained from this office and H.P. Company helpline Numbers 080-25501216 and 080-25501227.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Public Works, Division, Chitradurga.

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ನಂ.ಎಚ್.ಡಿ.ಎಂ: 2505/ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ 11/2020-21/150 ದಿನಾಂಕ:- 05-12-2020

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ಸಾಮನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು

1) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ ನಂ- **DMA/2020-21/OW/WORK_INDENT109898**, ರೂ. 11.66ಲಕ್ಷ, 2ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ & ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು. (4 ತಿಂಗಳು- ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ, 12 ತಿಂಗಳು -ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ).

2) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ ನಂ- **DMA/2020-21/OW/WORK_INDENT109897**, ರೂ. 12.44ಲಕ್ಷ, 2ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ & ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು. (4 ತಿಂಗಳು- ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ)

3) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ ನಂ- **DMA/2020-21/OW/WORK_INDENT109895**, ರೂ. 4.46ಲಕ್ಷ, 3ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ & ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು. (4 ತಿಂಗಳು- ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ).

4) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ ನಂ- **DMA/2020-21/OW/WORK_INDENT 109892**, ರೂ. 5.82ಲಕ್ಷ, 3ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ & ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು. (3 ತಿಂಗಳು- ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ)

ಈ ಮೇಲಿನ 1 ರಿಂದ 4ರ ವರೆಗಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿರಿಸಿ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಧಿಯಂತರರು (ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ) ಇವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಚೇರಿಯ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:0836:2252204ನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ http:/www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಅಲ್ಲದೇ ಸದರಿ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿತ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಅಥವಾ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕಾಲಕಾಲಕ್ಕೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ:**08-12-2020** ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ವಿ.ಸೂ: ಜಿ.ಎಸ್.ಟಿ ದರಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ ದರಗಳನ್ನು ನಮೂದಿಸಬೇಕು.

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ಟೆಂಡರ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:**30-12-2020** ರಂದು ಸಾ. 4.30ಘಂಟೆ ನಂತರ

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಧಿಯಂತರರು(ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ)
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SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER

KSPH & IDCL invites online tender through e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for the following works:

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approx. Amount put to tender (Rs. in Lakhs)	Contract Period (including monsoon) in months	Class of Contractor
1	PACKAGE-37: Developmental works for PG-2020: Construction of Additional Septic Tank for Disposal of Sewage Water for Police Qtrs at Belakavadi, Melukote, Kikkeri and Keragodu in Mandya Dist and Construction of compound wall, RCC Box type Storm drain to Police qtrs at DAR premises in Chamarajnagara, Gundlupet, Begur in Chamrajnagar district .	366.00	3	Class-II & above
2	PACKAGE-38: Developmental works for PG-2020: Construction of compound wall to Police qtrs at Rona, Mulagunda & Binkadatti in Gadag district.	87.32	3	Class-III & above
3	PACKAGE-39: Developmental works for PG-2020: Construction of Compound wall, Road and Drain for Police Qtrs at Haveri shahara, Haveri Rural, DAR Haveri, Rannebennur Rural, Halageri and Hirekerur in Haveri Dist.	163.80	3	Class-III & above
4	PACKAGE-40: Developmental works for PG-2020: Construction of Compound wall, Road and Drain for Police Qtrs at Rattihalli, Thadas, Savanur and Hanagal in Haveri District.	128.45	3	Class-III & above
5	PACKAGE-41: Developmental works for PG-2020: Construction of Compound wall, Road and Drain for Police Qtrs at Adur, Bankapura and Hamsabhavi in Haveri district and Providing Grill Work to Balcony for 180 PC + 2 PSI qtrs in Haveri District.	126.00	3	Class-III & above
6	PACKAGE-42: Developmental works for PG-2020: Construction of Compound wall, Road and Drain for Police Qtrs at PTS Aimangala in Chitradurga District.	82.86	3	Class-III & above
7	PACKAGE-43: Developmental works for PG-2020: Providing safety grills for the opening area for Police Qtrs (Block-A, B, C) at **Austin Town** in Bangalore.	43.78	3	Class-III & above

The Interested Contractors may participate in the tendering process. The details such as Tender Fee, EMD, Tender Documents etc., are available on e-Procurement Portal from **14.12.2020**.
"KSPH & IDCL reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reasons."
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Executive Engineer – Contracts I/c

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The public are hereby notified that my client has negotiated to purchase the Fourth Floor residential portion of the schedule detailed property from Mr. Suresh Babu K.R. son of Sri K. Ramaiah and his wife Mrs. Swarna .K.S. If any person/s has/have any objection/s regarding the same, the concerned can forward his/her/their objection/s with all relevant documents to the undersigned within 10 days from the date of this publication. Any objection/s raised subsequently will be ignored and the transaction will be proceeded with.

SCHEDULE

No. 68, Rama Rao Layout, Kathriguppe, BSK III Stage, Bengaluru measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North to South: 60 Feet and bounded on the East by: Property No.67; West by: Property No.69, North by: Property No. 74 and South by: Road.

B.G. SRIRAM, Advocate & Notary
No. 65, 13th Main, 4th Block,
Jayanagar East, Bangalore-560 011.
Ph: 080 26536651

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public and notice is hereby given that my client Mr. Kemparaju.S.B, S/o. K.Basauaiah, R/at Suliker At Post, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru 560060, has lost 1) Original Allotment Letter Dated: 06/02/2004, 2) No Objection Certificate Dated: 04/02/2004, 3) Registration Card Dated: 20/05/2002 and 4) Registration Card No.353308 pertaining to Property bearing No.2316, VIII Bloc, F.E of S.M.V Nagara, measuring 6 X 9 meters (EWS) has been irretrievably lost while in transit by Bus from Majestic to Kengeri on 21/11/2020 at 4.30 p.m. A police complaint has been lodged on 24/11/2020 vide L.R .No.151856/2020. Any person/s in possession of the aforesaid original document or finders may kindly handover / deliver the same to the person with address below.

Mr. Kemparaju.S.B, S/o. K.Basauaiah, R/at Suliker At Post, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru 560060, Mob: 9880228889.

Sd/- S.Balu, B.Com., LL.B., M.L., **Advocate**
#100, Cross, 2. Main Road HAL III Stage
Bengaluru 560075 Mob: 9341948513
Date: 05 Dec 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri.Hanumantha N. Waster,** S/o Late Nagappa, R/at No.52, 6th Cross, Salapuradamma Layout, Sunkadakatte, Bengaluru-560091, proposed to purchase the schedule property from **Smt. P.A. Tulasi, W/o Sri Shivamani,** R/at No.456, 1st floor, 8th Main, BEML Layout, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru-560079.

That if any person/s, Bank/s, Authorities has/have any objections for the proposed sale transactions or claims any kind whatsoever on the schedule property may lodged their claims/objections with documentary proof within **(7)** seven days from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned, failing which thereafter my clients shall proceed to complete the sale transaction and any claims received thereafter will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing No.329, layout formed by B.D.A. at 2nd Stage, 6th Block, Nagarbhavi Layout, Bengaluru-560072, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 20 feet in all measuring 800 sq feet along with building thereon and bounded on:

East by : Road, **West by :** Property No.366, **North by :** Property No.328, **South by :** Property No.330.

GIRISH, Advocate
No.29/30, 58th Cross, 4th Block,
Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010
Mobile: 9845540992.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client intends to Purchase all that piece and parcel of Property Bearing Northern Portion of Part-A Comprised In Property No. 40/1, situated at B. Narayanapura Village K. R. Puram Hobli. Bangalore East Taluk Presently under the Jurisdiction of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, measuring East to West 118 feet and North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 4720 Sq.feet, and bounded on the **East by:** Property belongs to Murthy Road and Balaram; **West by:** Private Property; **North by:** Private Property; **South by:** Road;

And

All the piece and parcel of property bearing Southern Portion of Part-B comprised in Property No.40/1, Situated at B. Narayanapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk Presently under the Jurisdiction of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, measuring East to West 25 feet and North to South 25 feet, totally measuring 625 Sq.feet, and bounded on the: **East by:** Road; **West by:** Private Property; **North by:** Private Property; **South by:** Private Property;

From its owner **Mr. C. ASHOKA,** S/o. Late Sri. Chikka Abbaiah, Persons/Financial Institutions/ Firms having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within **10 days** from this date of publication to the undersigned.

R. SANTHOSH KUMAR ASSOCIATES,
Advocates, Flat No.406, Motati Meadows, Nagavarapalya Main Road, Benniganahalli, Old Madras Road, C.V.Raman Nagar Post, B'lore-93.
Mobile No. 9108595242/08041718108.

PUBLIC NOTICE

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP FIRM

TO WHOM SO IT CONCERN, take notice that my clients Smt. B. Deepa, W/o. late G. Chandrahsekar, aged about 54 years, and Sri. Bharath C, S/o. late G. Chandrahsekar, Aged about 29 years, and Smt. Bindu Shree C, D/o. late G. Chandrahsekar, aged about 32 years, all are residing at No.538, 31st Main, 1st Cross, Bangarinagar, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore – 560 080, issued the notice on 02.12.2020 to all the partners namely **1) Smt. Ashu Bhandari**, W/o. Sri. U. C. Bhandari, Aged about 67 years, **2) Sri. Bharat Kumar Bhandari,** S/o. Sri. U. C. Bhandari, Aged about 42 years, **3) Sri. Gaurav Kumar Bhandari** S/o. Sri. U. C. Bhandari, Aged about 40 years, all are Residing /at. No. 266, 5th Cross, 15th Main, RMV Extension, Bangalore - 560080, to dissolve the Partnership Firm Registered on 16.07.2003 and Reconstitution of Partnership Firm dated 10.11.2016 in respect of **"M/S Bharat and Bharath Properties"** a Partnership firm having its office at No.17, 4th Floor, Shah Sultan Building, Cunningham Road, Bangalore - 560052 from the date of receipt of the firm. It is confirmed that the notice is served to all the partners on 04.12.2020.

WHEREFORE take notice that no one should transact with the firm namely **"M/S Bharat and Bharath Properties"** with effect from 04.12.2020. If any transaction took place without the consent of my clients they have to face the consequences in accordance with law.

For any clarification they have may contact their counsel at the address given bellow.

N SRIRAM REDDY, Advocate
Office at : # 8/38, Ritual parkside Apartment Armugum circle,
Basavangudi, Bangalore-560004, Mob No: 9845036863
Date : 06.12.2020

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APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8 (1)

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank** Under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **18.01.2020** calling upon the borrower **Sri. Chandra Shekar C**, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 6,62,246** (Rupees Six Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand Two Forty Six Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **01st day of December of the year 2020**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Canara Bank** for an amount of **Rs.6,62,246** (Rupees Six Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand Two Forty Six Only) and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

All that part and parcel of the property consisting of Flat No/Plat No EWS-321, with in the registration Sub district Kumaraswamy Layout, 2nd Stage, Bangalore and district Bangalore Urban Bounded: On the North by: Drain, On the South by: Road, On the East by: EWS House No. 320, On the West by: EWS House No. 322.

Date : 01.12.2020
Place :Bangalore

Sd/-Authorized Officer
Canara Bank

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

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Basavanagudi Branch (0403)
No.180/1, Gandhibazar, Basavanagudi,
Bangalore-560004
Phone No. 080- 26679983

POSSESSION NOTICE

APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8 (1)
(For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank, Basavanagudi Branch, Bangalore** Under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **11.09.2020** calling upon the **Borrower: /Guarantors/ Mortgagors: Mr.Azeem Alam** and **Mrs. Koresha Bibi** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 1,12,16,174.48** (Rupees One Crore Twelve Lakhs Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Seventy Four and Paise Forty Eight Only) plus interest and cost within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the said rule on this **02nd day of December of the year 2020.**

The Borrowers /Guarantors/ Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Canara Bank** for an amount of **Rs. 1,12,16,174.48** (Rupees One Crore Twelve Lakhs Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Seventy Four and Paise Forty Eight Only) and interest, cost thereon.

The /Guarantors/ Mortgagors attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property: All that piece and parcel of land and buildings existing and/or to be constructed thereon and shown under Schedule 'B' below together with easementary and appurtenants thereto Property No. 4 New No. 56 New Municipal No.4 BBMP PID No. 43-19-4 within BBMP Ward No. 135 (Old No. 43) 5th Cross, Vinayakanagar, Old Guddadahalli, Padarayanapura District: Bangalore. Boundaries: North by : Conservancy, South by : Main Road, West by : Anjani's Property, East by : Site No. 5.

Date : 02.12.2020
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Ref. No. 605

1. Tender Inviting Authority: Principal Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat Department, Govt of Bihar (herein after referred as CSD unless the context otherwise requires) hereby invites reputed, established and experienced agencies to participate and submit their bids in single stage, two bid system for "For Operation And Management of State Guest House at Patna".
2. The details and conditions for eligibility, Scope of work, Technical qualifying criteria and financial bid submission and roles & responsibilities of the Service Provider are indicated in this Documents. The complete Tender document can be downloaded from below listed websites and **no tender fee** is charged.
   www.csd.bih.nic.in
   i. or https://state.bihar.gov.in/csd/
   ii. www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar
   iii. www.tenders.bih.nic.in
   Interested and qualified agencies are requested to submit their proposals along with requisite documents through **Speed Post / Courier / by hand** latest by **05:00 pm of 04th January, 2021.** The posts are to be addressed to **"The office of Principal Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat Department, Old Secretariat, Patna, Bihar, PIN-800015."**
3. In case of submission of bid proposal by hand the designated person to receive the bid documents are Shri Sunil Kumar Lakra, S.O. and Shri Sanjay Mishra, Assistant at Cabinet Secretariat Department.
   Bids sent through Email/Fax or submitted in unsealed cover(s) will not be accepted and such bids will be treated as non-responsive bids.
4. For any kind of dispute with regard to the Tender advertised, a arbitrator will be authorized by this department. The seat of arbitration will be Patna, Bihar.
5. Principal Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat Department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids without assigning any reason thereof.

For further details please visit website www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar

Special Secretary,
Cabinet Secretariat Department,
Govt. of Bihar.

PR. No. 009109 (CABINET) 2020-21

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of **KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **01-09-2020** calling upon the borrowers/mortgagor/guarantor **(1) Mrs.Thayamma,** W/o Mr.Puttaswamy, **(2) Mr.Puttaswamy,** S/o Mr.Kenchegowda, **No.1 & 2 are residing at :** No.147, Siddanahalli Village, Bevoor Mandya Post, Channapatna, Ramanagara District-562160 to repay an aggregate amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.2,99,271=00 [Rupees Two Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Two Hundred Seventy One Only] under TL A/c No.1437001600095801** along with future interest from **11-08-2020** within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers, mortgagor and the guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, mortgagor, guarantor and the public in general that **the undersigned has taken the possession of the property described herein below** in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rules on this **02nd day of December-2020.**

The borrowers, the mortgagors and the guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Karnataka Bank Limited, Channapatna Branch** for an aggregate amount of **Rs.3,08,919=00 (Rupees Three Lakh Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Nineteen Only) under TL A/c No.1437001600095801** along with future interest from **11-11-2020,** plus costs.

(The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub- section (8) of Sec.13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).

Description of the Immovable Property:- All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing Khata No.595/82/2/46, Property No.152900103101220005 with land measuring 1200 Sq.ft situated at Honniganahalli Village, Vanadaraguppe Grama Panchayath, Kasaba Hobali, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District belonging to **Mrs.Thayamma. Boundaries as per documents : East :** Remaining property; **West :** Road; **North:** Site No.47; **South:** Site No.45.

Place : Honniganahalli Village, Channapatna Taluk
Date : 02.12.2020

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The borrowers, mortgagor and the guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, mortgagor, guarantor and **the public in general that the undersigned has taken the possession of the property described herein below** in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rules on this **02 nd day of December-2020.**

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(The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub- section (8) of Sec.13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).

Description of the Immovable Property:- All that piece and parcel of Residential Property bearing Old Khaneshumari No.70/63, New Khanesumari No.95/76 with Land measuring 1638 Sq.ft situated at Singarajipura Village, Singarajipura Grama Panchayath, Virupakshipura Hobali, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District belonging to **Mr.Shivalingaiah S.C. Boundaries as per documents : East :** Raja Beedi/Govt Road; **West :** Vacant Site of Channamma; **North:** Vacant Site of Krishnamurthy; **South:** Property of Shivalingaiah.

Place :Singarajipura Village, Channapatna Taluk
Date : 02.12.2020

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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANACIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'ACT')

A Notice is hereby given that the below mentioned Borrowers have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loan facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, but they have been returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

1) Name and address of the Borrower: Ms. Bhanupriya Arumugam, D/o Sri. Arumugam Dharuman Nemur, # 352, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Jakkasandra Extension, Kormangala 1st Block, Bangalore – 560034 And also at: i) Flat No. B-305, 3rd Floor, "PNR PRIDE" 'B' Block, Sy.No.182/2, Katha No.3059/3059/ 246, Attibele and Sarjapur Main Road, Indlabele Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore - 562106 ii) Block No.471, Near Lal chauki Road, Subhash Tekdi, Ulhas Nagar, Thane, Maharashtra - 421004

Account No: HTL-39418756895

Outstanding Loan Amount: Rs.44,29,060/- (Rupees Forty Four Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand and Sixty Only) as on **18.11.2020** and you are also liable to pay future interest from **19.11.2020** at contractual rate on the aforesaid amount together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc.

NPA Date: 16.11.2020 **Demand Notice Date: 18.11.2020**

Description of the Immovable Properties: Schedule "A" Property: All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.182/2, measuring 1 acre 03 guntas (converted vide Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN (A)(A): SR:81/2012-13, dated (20.07.2012) situated at Indlabele Village, Atthible Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, and bounded on: East by: Land in Sy.No.26, West by: Land in Sy.No.182/1, North by: Road formed in land bearing Sy.No.185 to access the main road, South by: Land in Sy.No.182/3.

Schedule "B" Property: 622 Sq.ft of undivided share, right, title and interest in Schedule 'A' Property,

Schedule "C" Property: A Two bedrooms Flat No.B-305 of block B, now bearing Panchyath katha No.246/B-305, Apartment bearing No. B-305, on the third Floor of the Building known as "PNR PRIDE" constructed in the Schedule 'A' Property, having a super built-up area of 1,131 Square Feet (which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls between the apartments and proportionate share in common areas and a share in the club house area) together with one covered car parking space in the basement held in the name of **Ms.Bhanupriya Arumugam.**

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower(s) and or their Guarantor(s) (whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub-section 13 of Section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed in Schedule "C" Part II of this notice without obtaining written consent of the Bank.

Date : 05.12.2020
Place: Bangalore

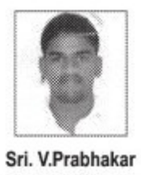
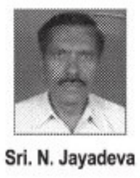
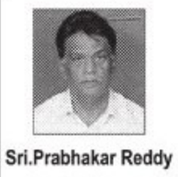
Sd/- Authorised Officer & Chief Manager
State Bank of India

THE HANUMANTHANAGAR CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

H.O. : # 7/29, 3rd Main Road, 1st Cross, Hanumanthanagar, Bangalore – 560 019
Telephone: 22428985, 26507976, Mobile: 9742573122
(Rule 8(1))

POSSESSION NOTICE
(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized officer of the Hanumanthanagar Co-operative Bank Limited., H.O. : # 7/29, 3rd Main Road, 1st Cross, Hanumanthanagar, Bangalore – 560 019 under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord.3 of 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued and demand notice calling upon the undersigned borrowers/legal heirs to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrowers/legal heirs having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/legal heirs and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Ordinance read with rule 9 of the said rule. The borrowers / legal heirs in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property an any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the The Hanumanthanagar Co-op. Bank Ltd., Head Office No. 7/29, 3rd Main Road, 1st Cross, Hanumanthanagar, Bangalore – 560 019.

LOOANEE NAME	BALANCE AMOUNT, POSSESSION DATE AND PROPERTY ADDRESS	SCHEDULE
Smt. B.Shylaja Sri. H.S. SUMUKH (Surety)	**Rs.87,48,337/-** **10.07.2020** **Schedule-A** All the piece and Parcel of the Property bearing No.34, Situated at 1st Cross, Kavika Layout, Kempapura Agrahara Dhakale, Now Comes under Bruhat Bangalore Maganagara Palike,(Bapuji Nagar Range) Bangalore With PID No 42-53-34 **Schedule-B** All the piece and Parcel of the Property bearing No.34/1, Situated at 1st Cross, Kavika Layout, Kempapura Agrahara Dhakale, Now Comes under Bruhat Bangalore Maganagara Palike,(Bapuji Nagar Range) Bangalore With PID No 42-53-34/1	**Schedule-A** East toWest : 30'-00"Feet North to South : 20'-00" Feet East by : Drainage West by : Road North by : Property No 34/1 South by : Property No 33 **Schedule-B** East toWest : 20'-00"Feet North to South : 30'-00" Feet East by : Drainage West by : Road North by : Drainage South by : Property No 34
Sri. J.H.Kumar Smt.Lakshamma (Surety) Smt.M.Hemavathi Sri.M.Santhosh Kumar (Surerty)	**Rs.40,69,148/-** **01.07.2020** **Schedule – I** All the Piece and Parcel of the Property bearing No18, BDA No 640,Situated at Kavi Ponna Road, Srinagara, 1st Block, Banashankari 1st Stage, Now Comes under Bruhat Bangaluru Mahanagara Palike, (Hanumanthanagar Range) Bangaluru With PID No 52-66-18	Measuring East to West : 9'-14" Mtrs North to South : 12'-50+13'-40" / 2 Mtrs East by : Property No 639 West by : Road North by : Property No 641 South by : Road
Smt. Jayamma Sri.T.Venkatesh (Surety)	**Rs.2,69,874/-** **06.03.2020** **Schedule – I** All the Piece and Parcel of the Property bearing First Floor, No.07, Situated at Sanyasi Kunte-I Slum, Kempe Gowda Nagara, Gavipuram Guttahalli, Now Comes under Bruhat Bangaluru Mahanagara Palike, (K G Nagar Range) Bangaluru With PID No 49-100-7	Measuring : 5-85"X5'-00" Mtrs East by : Staircase & House No 3 West by : House No 11 North by : House No 8 South by : Passage
 Sri. V.Prabhakar Sri. B.R. ShivaPrakash (Surety)	**Rs.28,57,629/-** **20.11.2019** **Schedule – I** All the piece and Parcel of the property bearing No.656, Situated at Corporation Colony, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Now Comes under Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (Guruppanna Palya Range) Bangalore PID No 64-144-656	Measuring East to West : 40'-00" Feet and North to South : 25'-00" Feet East by : Road West by : Property No 721 North by : Property No 655 South by : Property No 657
 Sri. N. Jayadeva	**Rs.2,44,099/-** **09.01.2019** **Schedule – I** All the piece and Parcel of the property bearing No.20/3, Old No 20, Situated at 2nd Block,K.V.Shankar Layout, 2nd Main, 4th Cross, Nanjamba Agrahara, Now Comes under Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (Chamarajpet Range) Bangalore PID No 46-31-20/3	Measuring East to West : 12'-00" Feet and North to South : 10'-00" Feet East by : 4 Feet Common Passage West by : Property No 19 North by : Property of N.Uma Shankar South by : Private Property
Sri. K. DevaRaj Sir.P.S.ShanthaKumar (Surety)	**Rs.5,47,022/-** **03.02.2020** **Schedule – I** All the piece and Parcel of the property bearing Site No 41/4,(Southern Portion Eastern Side), Munciple No 41, Situated at 3rd Main Road, Hosahalli Vijayanagara, Now Comes Under Bruhat Bangalore MahanagaraPalike, (RP C Lay out Range) Bangalore With P I D No 34-30-41/4	Measuring East to West : 24'-00" Feet and North to South : 17'-00" Feet East by : Road West by : Hombamma's Property North by : Common Passage & Ramakrishnappa's Property South by : Prarmeswara's Property
 Sri.Prabhakar Reddy Sri. K.C.Sampangi Ramaiah (Surety)	**Rs.72,18,949/-** **21.12.2019** **Schedule-A** All the piece and Parcel of the Property bearing No.13/1, (Old No5), Situated at Mutton Stall Cross Road, Mavalli, Now Comes under Bruhat Bangalore Maganagara Palike,(Mavalli Range) Bangalore **Schedule-B** The Shop Premises marked As"G" New Municiple No 13/7, Ground Floor in the Multistored building Known as Rangappa Reddy Complex,With Super Bulit area of 440 Sq Ft along with 88 Sq Ft UDS and interest in and out of Schedula "A" Property, Situated at Mutton Stall Road, Mavalli Now comes under BBMP(Mavalli Range) With PID No 61-038-13/7,and common parking area is applicable **Schedule- C** Entire Second Floor bearing No 13/19, Situated at Mutton Stall Cross Road, Mavalli, Now Comes under BBMP (Mavalli Range) With PID No 61-38-13/19, and entire Terrace rights in buildng Known as Rangappa Reddy Complex Constructed in Schedule "A" Property, With Proportinate undivided share in land and along with proportionate undivided share in land upper floors measuring 84-00"+74'-00"X77'-00" Feet and bounded as follows.	**Schedule-A** East to West : 84'-00"+74'-00" / 2 Feet North to South : 77'-00" Feet East by : Property of Smt Sudhila & Kuga Shankar West by : Road North by : Mutton Stall Cross Road South by : Property of Sri Kuga Shankar **Schedule-C** East by : Property of Smt Sudhilla & Kuga Shankar West by : Road North by : Mutton Stall Cross Road South by : Property of Sri Kuga Shankar
Smt. Nagamma Sri.K.P.Yatheesha (Surety) Sri.C.Shivanna Sri.A.Nataraj (Surety) Sri. S. Kiran Kumar Sri. A. Nataraj (Surety)	**Rs.77,76,263/-** **25.11.2019** **Schedule-A** All the piece and Parcel of the Property bearing No. 22/1(31), Old No 16 then 22, Situated at 2nd Cross, Nanjamba Agarahara, Chamarajpet, Now Comes under Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, (Chamarajpet Range) Bangalore, With PID No 46-26-22/1 **Schedule-B** All the piece and Parcel of the Property bearing No. 22/1-1, Old No 16 then 22, Situated at 2nd Cross, Nanjamba Agarahara, Chamarajpet, Now Comes under Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, (Chamarajpet Range) Bangalore, With PID No 46-26-22/1-1	**Schedule-A** East to West : 30'-00" Feet and North to South : 20'-00" Feet East by : Conservancy Lane West by : Remaining Portion of the Same Property (5 Feet Common Passage) North by : Property No 17 belongs to Subhdra Bai South by : Remaining Portion of Same Property **Schedule-B** East to West : 30'-00" Feet and North to South : 20'-00" Feet East by : Property of Smt Nagamma West by : Road North by : Property No 17 belongs to Subhdra South by : Remaining Portion of Same Premises Belonging to the Defendant

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 01.12.2020

Sd/- (D.G.Boregowda)
Authorised Officer and Manager
The Hanumanthanagar Co-operative Bank Limited
Bangaluru-560 019

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami on Saturday deputed 11 senior ministers to the districts affected by cyclone Burevi to coordinate the relief and rescue operations

TRS workers celebrate at Telangana Bhavan after the results of GHMC polls were announced in Hyderabad | VINAY MADAPU

Time for KCR to redraw strategy

GHMC poll verdict is seen as reflection of public ire over TRS' style of functioning

CH V M KRISHNA RAO
@Hyderabad

TWO years into its second term in office, the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) will now have to go back to the drawing board and redraw its strategies, for, it is forced for the first time to contend with, not a weakened Congress or the decimated Telugu Desam, but a real Opposition party in the BJP. In other words, the game has just begun for the 2023 elections.

The fractured verdict thrown up in the keenly fought Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) election is being seen as a reflection of public resentment over the style of functioning of the TRS leadership, Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao included. The underlying message of the results, even TRS insiders confide, is that people expect those in power to be humble, however, benevolent they might be. In fact, the party had received enough warning signs in the past but failed to sense any, thus paving the way for the sudden ascendancy of the BJP in a manner that few expected.

After the impressive performance in the 2018 Assembly elections, the TRS suffered shock defeats just months later in quite a few Lok Sabha segments, including Nizamabad where KCR's daughter, Kavitha, lost to a BJP nominee. As recently as a month ago, the party failed to retain the rural Assembly segment of Dubbaka in the Chief Minister's home district, again the beneficiary being the BJP. In the latest Hyderabad Corporation election, the party lost as many as 43 seats it had won in 2016 -- all of them going the BJP way.

There are several factors that led to the TRS poor show. Leadership losing connect with cadres, keeping promises such as jobs to the eligible youth, and inordinate delay in pay revision of employees are some of them. Just ahead of the polls, the government doled out ₹10,000 to every family affected by the recent floods but there were complaints galore that the relief was cornered by TRS local leaders, without the assistance reaching the intended beneficiaries even as the exchequer was left poorer by a few hundred crores.

On the political front, blowing hot and cold has also sown seeds of doubts in the minds of the people. Not so long ago, the Chief Minister asserted that Majlis was an ally but in the face of the BJP's aggressive Hindutva campaign, the TRS sought to disown the Muslim party. Obviously, it did not cut ice with the people. In the early days of Covid pandemic, KCR went out of his way to shower praises on the Prime Minister only to hurl abuses later on.

In this digital age, evidence of shifting stances remains and it became too easy for the BJP to expose the "double standards" of the TRS. One cardinal mistake the TRS leadership committed was to decimate both the Congress and the TDP, buying out a majority of the legislators who were elected from either of the parties in 2018. Things have come to such a pass that people began realizing the futility of voting for the Congress or the TDP as they could, in any case, walk over to the TRS.

Ironically, TRS could now be reaping what it has sown. BJP leaders are hopeful that it's only a matter of time before important functionaries of the Congress and even those unhappy in the TRS will look towards them. For the record, the vote share of the Congress has gone down from 11 in the previous corporation election to six now while that of TDP's plummeted from 13 to just one.

The entire Opposition space has now been virtually occupied by the BJP, which has also shaved off some vote share of the TRS.

Nonetheless, all is not lost for the TRS. If the leadership does not surround itself with yesmen, begins listening to the people and adopts a more democratic approach in running the administration and the party, it's not going to be easy even for the BJP to continue its forward march in terms of electoral gains. KCR is no novice in politics.He is as shrewd as one could imagine and more than capable of lifting the party from the lowest ebb.

'Communal' underworld in Karnataka in a churn

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

THE murder of rowdy-sheeter and Tulu actor Surendra Bantwal is the recent and hopefully the last in the trilogy of murders related to the underworld in coastal Karnataka since September this year.

Surendra was hacked to death at his apartment in Bantwal in Dakshina Kannada district on October 21. The police arrested nine accused. According to official sources, Akashbhavan Sharan, one of the main accused, who is already lodged in Bengaluru Central Prison in another crime, had reportedly pooled in his friend late Kishan Hegde's associates to finish off Surendra to avenge the latter's killing. Sharan is an associate of underworld gangster Vicky Shetty.

Hegde was killed on September 24 in Udupi by his former friend-turned-foe Manoj Kodikere and his associates over money matters. The accused were arrested in the case. In between, on October 15, another former rowdy-sheeter and associate of extradited underworld don Ravi Pujari -- Manish Shetty -- was killed in Bengaluru in front of his Duet Pub on Church Street. His rival and former henchman of Pujari -- Vicky Shetty – allegedly claimed responsibility for Manish's murder to "send a message of his arrival as Pujari's heir". The latter has been lodged in Bengaluru Central Prison since his extradition in February this year. The police dossiers state that Manish and Vicky were at one point the errand boys and sharpshooters of Pujari and at some stage the former had fallen out of favour with his mentor over financial matters. From then on, Pujari had started investing in Manish, who was reportedly running Pujari's extortion business in coastal Karnataka until the latter's arrest in the Republic of Senegal. This didn't go down well with Vicky and he got Manish eliminated, said official sources.

BIG PICTURE

Interestingly, behind the three killings are budding rowdies, who, according to official sources, at some time had allegedly flaunted their identities as members of fringe Right wing groups in coastal Karnataka, though the latter have vehemently denied any association with them.

According to police sources, Surendra had identified himself as a gau raksha pramukh (cow vigilante) in Bantwal in the last decade and had come under the police radar. "There are eerie reflections of Shetty doing a Pujari, who had capitalised on his image as a Hindu don. The fissures in underworld in coastal Karnataka and Mumbai had widened on communal lines, post the Babri Masjid demolition on December 6, 1992 and the subsequent Mumbai riots the same month and in January 1993 in which around 900 Mumbai residents were left dead," said an officer, who didn't wish to be named.

The three murders in Karnataka are being seen as Vicky Shetty's desperate attempts to fit in the shoes of Pujari as the misnomer 'Hindu don', who had in February 2016, threatened the former Hurriyat chairman Syed Ali Shah Geelani to not incite Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) students and youngsters against the country. There are consistent attempts being made by the Karnataka police to bring to justice Dawood's close associate Chota Shakeel's sharpshooter Abdul Rashid Hussein alias Rashid Malbari, who was assigned to assassinate VIP targets – Varun Gandhi and Sri Rama Sene founder Pramod Muthalik -- by Shakeel. His attempt to abduct a Dubai-based businessman, who was returning to Mangaluru, for a ransom of Rs 5 crore had failed.

Malbari, who was arrested in 2009, had jumped bail in July 2014 and escaped to Bangladesh and from there on to Abu Dhabi on a Bangladesh passport. Pujari had planned to target Malbari, but instead managed to bump off his advocate Naushad Kashimji in February 2009 in Mangaluru, who he had warned against representing Malbari and members of the banned terrorist organisation - Indian Mujahideen (IM). Malbari was involved in a bid to kill Dawood's rival Chota Rajan in Bangkok in 2000 along with Dawood's close aide Sayyed Muddassar Hussain alias Munna Jhingada. A resident of Mumbai's Jogeshwari, Jhingada was taken to Pakistan by the Inter-Services Intelligence in October last year after a Thai court identified him as a Pakistani national.

The communal fissures in the underworld had become evident when in 1993 Dawood had tasked Jhingada to eliminate his arch-rival Arun Gawli, who, however, survived. What happens in Mumbai underworld is echoed in coastal Karnataka because of the coastal stretch along the Arabian Sea, from where it all began.

"It was all about trade, which was with one community predominantly till the other community with Gulf money came in with bigger boats and trawlers. This, added with the Karnataka Land Reforms Act in 1974, had made many people lose their lands and they migrated to Bombay then and set up small hotels and lodges because of their entrepreneurial skills," said former Intelligence chief Gopal Hosur.

"Soon, these people from coastal Karnataka began to be looked upon as outsiders by the Shiv Sena's Marathi nationalist 'Marathi Manus' propaganda. The migrants from coastal Karnataka needed muscle power and began seeking protection from the likes of Haji Mastan. The Babri Masjid demolition led to a further churning in the underworld and many migrants from the coast found their soil fertile for an underworld on communal lines. This was cashed in upon by the politicians and political parties, which have always taken help from the underworld to settle scores with rival politicians," he added.

"The underworld is a reflection of society. It only mirrors the social nuances," said the former director-general of police D V Guruprasad.

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HDK to attend KCR's meet on new front

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REGIONAL parties are likely to come together and form a front. Former chief minister H D Kumaraswamy said here on Saturday that Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao has taken the lead to bring the regional parties together as an alternative to the BJP and stall the victory march of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Kumaraswamy said that Congress has become politically irrelevant. "Telangana CM Chandrashekar has called me over the phone. I will participate in the meeting," he said and added that the political scenario would change if the people had a strong alternative.

Asked about the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) doing badly in the Hyderabad civic polls, he said that one election result would not have any impact.

(Left) JDS leader H D Kumaraswamy, TS CM K Chandrashekar Rao

He charged that the Union Government had not taken Karnataka and the state government seriously and had forgotten that there was a BJP Chief Minister in Karnataka.

Expressing displeasure over Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa appointing chairpersons to Boards and Corporations, he alleged it was done to strengthen the BJP.

On the BJP winning the byelections in Karnataka, Kumaraswamy said it would not have any bearing on future elections. He recalled that the previous Congress government which won the Nanjangud and Gundlupet bypolls lost to BJP in the general election.

Hitting out at the Congress, he said Siddaramaiah and his men sullied his reputation. "I walked into their trap only because I agreed to the alliance because of my father and our party supremo Deve Gowda's secular beliefs. However, I tolerated the situation and sent a strong message as 24 parties had come together during my swearing-in ceremony," he said. "Our party suffered a major jolt after joining hands with the Congress," he added.

Row over naming Kerala institute after Golwalkar

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THE Union Government's decision to name the second campus of the Thiruvananthapuram-based Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology (RGCB) after RSS ideologue M S Golwalkar has kicked up a major political row in Kerala, with the Left parties and the Congress alleging that the move is aimed at creating communal polarisation.

Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Saturday wrote to Union Minister for Science and Technology Harsh Vardhan urging him to name the campus after an eminent Indian scientist of international repute.

Congress leader Ramesh Chennithala shot off a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi suggesting that the second campus too be named after the former PM.

State BJP president K Surendran said the CPM and Congress are seeking to appease Muslim organisations such as Jamaat e Islami and create communal polarisation. "The game plan of both the parties will not succeed," he said. Harsh Vardhan had on Friday announced that the research facility — which is ready for dedication to the nation — will be named as 'Shri Guruji Madhav Sadashiv Golwalkar National Centre for Complex Disease in Cancer and Viral Infection.'

EXPRESS READ

Seer kicks off campaign to raise funds for Ram Mandir

Udupi: Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha of Sri Pejawar Mutt, Udupi, one of the trustees of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, has said that VHP workers will lead an initiative to collect funds for the Ram temple project by visiting houses in every corner of the country. "We will accept even Rs 10 from a family, so that everyone is connected to the project in Ayodhya," he said. **ENS**

Mangaluru graffiti case: Two youngsters arrested

Mangaluru: Police have arrested a third year B Tech student in connection with the pro-terror graffiti that was found in two places of the city triggering an outrage. The accused, Maaz Muneer Ahmed (21), who also works as a food delivery boy with Zomato, is the friend of Mohammed Shariq (22) who was arrested earlier in connection with the incident and both of them hail from Theerthahalli. **ENS**

Malnad honey makers hope for buzz

AMIT S UPADHYE @Hubballi

TRADITIONAL honey producers in the Malnad region have reason to cheer. With recent studies revealing traces of adulteration in the honey sold by big brands in India, the region's traditional honey makers see renewed demand for their product.

There are several people in the region who are involved in making honey the traditional way, and supplying it to end-users. For a long time though, they have raised concern over the honey that is sold for less than Rs 400 per kg in the market. Now, with studies showing branded honey to be containing a mixture of sugar syrup, Malnad's beekeepers and experts are asking government agencies to take measures and increase the production of pure honey made by the locals.

Honey from Malnad is sold for anywhere between Rs 500 and Rs 1,200 per kg. According to the makers, it is nearly impossible to sell it for less than Rs 500 due to high costs and investment. "The honey that is sold in the market is mostly procured from the floriculture-rich farm fields in North India. In fact, during flowering, honey production will be in excess and is sold cheaply to the agencies which supply it to the big brands," explained a Yellapur-based beekeeper.

Forest officials and visitors at a honey park in Joida, Uttara Kannada | EXPRESS

"In India, honey is derived from three different honeybee species. In recent times, demand has overshot supply. Moreover, the honey made in Malnad has medicinal properties and there are several buyers who are ready to shell out more for purity. After the recent exposé on poor quality honey, honey makers in Uttara Kannada, Kodagu, Chikkamagaluru and Hassan districts will have an edge over big brands if they ensure quality. Many local growers do not remove the moisture from the honey nor do they use attractive bottles for packaging," he said.

"There is a huge gap in demand and supply of honey in India," lamented Narasimha Chapkhand, founder of Kadumane Honey Park in Joida. "The beekeeper cannot sell honey for less than Rs 600 per kg. As the big brands mix several syrups with honey, they can sell it for less than Rs 300 kg. How can one procure honey for such low cost?" he said.

Experts also rue the dip in honey output the Malnad region is witnessing since the last few months. "Due to overuse of pesticides, honeybee numbers are shrinking, which is affecting the production," said Ravi Hegade, a beekeeper from Sirsi.

SYNERGY

Maritime Theatre Command signifies Seabird's importance

SUBHASH CHANDRA NS @Karwar

THE decision to set up a Maritime Theatre Command (MTC) at the Seabird Naval Base in Karwar to bring the eastern and western Navy, Army, Air Force and Coast Guard under one roof to enhance maritime security will further enhance the significance of the Naval base in Uttara Kannada district. The MTC headquarters will be carved out of the existing command structure of each of the services, and is likely to come up within a couple of years, sources said, and added that the Vice-Chief of Naval staff is expected to handover the details on setting up of MTC to the Combined Defence Service (CDS).

Karwar will attain significance, as the Naval base in the East Coast is expensive to operate and the Mumbai base requires decongestion, the sources said. "MTC will operate at the behest of CDS, which will decide the roles," sources added.

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I, **MORINA**, R/o #311, Kuvempunagar, Jalahalli East, Bangalore - 560014 have changed my name as **DORIS MORINA** vide affidavit dated 04-12-2020 sworn before Notary K. C. Pemmaiah, Bangalore - 560097

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **FATHIMA SHAHNAZ MALIK**, W/o Mohammed Muzammil Malik, aged about 36 years, R/at #779, 10th Main, 3rd Stage, Pillanna Garden, Bengaluru-560045, Karnataka State, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **FATHIMA TABASSUM** to **FATHIMA SHAHNAZ MALIK**, hereafter I shall be known and called as **FATHIMA SHAHNAZ MALIK** only, vide affidavit dated 05.12.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

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ANNOUNCEMENT

I, VINAY S. GOURIMATH, state that in driving lience record's my name is wrongly mentioned as **VINAY GOURIMATH** instead of **VINAY S GOURIMATH** vide affidavit dated 04.12.2020 sworn before notary Neha Baddi, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

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CHANGE OF NAME

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CHANGE OF NAME

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CHANGE OF NAME

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"With the power of soul, anything is possible" — Jimi Hendrix

INTEREST RATES: WHAT ABOUT THE SAVERS?

THE expected happened. On Friday, the Monetary Policy Committee of the Reserve Bank of India kept the policy and reverse repo rate unchanged at 4 per cent and 3.35 per cent. Importantly, "the MPC also decided to continue with the accommodative stance as long as necessary." What is 'necessary' is essentially a matter of perspective. There is no disputing that the need for systemic stability is paramount — to prop up consumption and investment, enable businesses and banks to remain afloat, and catalyse recovery.

The price of the lower rates and 'accommodative stance' is effectively being paid by savers. Consider this: consumer price inflation is around 7.5 per cent and "the MPC is of the view that inflation is likely to remain elevated". Interest on a regular savings account has slid rapidly and fetches barely 3 per cent and a one-year deposit currently fetches less than 6 per cent — a 365-day deposit now nets less than what a savings account used to. Unsurprisingly, SBI chairman Dinesh Khara believes deposit rates and, therefore, lending rates have bottomed out.

THE THIRD EYE
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The hypothesis is that given India's young population, the right approach is to facilitate consumption to boost investment and growth with lower interest rates. The question is who bears the cost, what about the interest of savers? What about the ageing and the pensioners who have worked a lifetime, planned for and depend on returns from investments in fixed income instruments? And this is not a small number. Indeed, as per estimates, in 2021, India's 60-plus segment will cross 143 million — almost the population of Russia. Mind you the seniors are savers, consumers and also a vocal political constituency.

It is not just the ageing senior citizens who are dependent on interest income. As per the Deposit Guarantee and Insurance Corporation, India's banks host over 2,350 million accounts with over ₹134 lakh crore in deposits. Of these, more than 51 per cent of accounts are under the ₹5 lakh and hold over ₹68.7 lakh crore in deposits — money parked for education, marriage, or old age. The loss in returns affects the future plans of a large segment of savers depending on interest income.

It has been argued that a developing economy needs lower interest rates given the need for capital and the trade-off is unavoidable. Has the trade off paid off? Milton Friedman said, quite eloquently, that "One of the great mistakes is to judge policies and programs by their intentions rather than their results." The facts are scarcely convinced by the optics of intent. It is instructive to remember that the economy migrated from eight quarters of slowdown to lockdown and now to a technical recession. Through the period, there has been a sustained clamour for lower interest rates as the panacea for propelling growth and the RBI has duly obliged. The question is has that assumption played out? The poignant fact is the biggest beneficiaries have been the AAA corporates and the government — which is, given the inflation-repo matrix, effectively enjoying negative rates.

Even though policy rates slid from 8 per cent in 2014 to 4 per cent in 2020, the weighted average lending rates for borrowers, as per RBI data, is still above 9.5 per cent for most borrowers — thanks to lazy banking. The story for retail borrowers is not very different for home loans or for student loans hovering between 7 and 9 per cent. The tragic irony is that borrowers continue to languish betwixt the optics of cheap money and the reality of rates.For sure the lower rates have afforded systemic stability during the pandemic — given the possible consequences of known unknowns, of moratoriums, restructuring et al. There is also the scent of optimism about recovery — buoyed to a large extent by GST collections, stock market indices, high frequency data and company results.

However, while the popular buzz is about a V-shape recovery, and that may be validated statistically, the political economy is headed for K-shape recovery. The big gains in corporate results are more about margins with the large entities gaining and the small and medium enterprises as also the informal sector at the cusp of the two legs of the alphabet K.

The expectation of lower interest rates catalysing growth rests on the law of necessary and sufficient conditions. The expectation of higher consumption leading to demand-led investment is legitimate, but consumption by a young populace depends on desire and ability, on confidence about income and job security. In an environment coloured by pink slips, savers are more likely to turn austere and risk averse. The thesis of parking the cost of making money cheaper on savers has run its course. The forthcoming budget affords an opportunity to craft medium- and long-term savings instruments which cater to the needs of savers. There is also a need to address the asymmetry in how savings in debt and equity is taxed — the definition of what is not risk capital is challenged by the failure of NBFCs like IL&FS and DHFL, of the crisis faced by depositors of Yes Bank and Lakshmi Vilas Bank.

It is time India reviewed what it takes to engineer a low-cost economy— and it would do well to start with the costs and benefits of government expenditure. There is no disputing that India's aspiration of a $5 trillion economy needs capital. Achieving this target and sustaining growth calls for imagination and innovation in policy.

FATIMA LEARNED SANSKRIT, LIZI ARABIC

POINT OF VIEW
T J S GEORGE

FACTS defy some of our popular ideas. In the Sanskrit College of Kerala's Tripunithura area, they had a senior lecturer in the Vedanta Department. Her name: Fatima Beevi. Tradition-bound minds were surprised, but Fatima saw nothing unusual in her taking up Upanishads as her research subject and finally getting her doctorate in Advaita Vedanta.

Sister Lizi, an ordained nun from a convent in Kaladi, picked Arabic as her subject of specialisation. In her nun's gown, she stood out among her purdah-wearing classmates. She was faster than others in learning Arabic and her recitation of the Bismillahi invocation won the admiration of all who heard it.

In the colleges she worked in Malabar, P P Khadeeja became well-known as a Sanskrit teacher. Her school-teacher father Moideen Kutty had encouraged her to learn the classical language. Her own children Aslam and Asma and Aisha learned Sanskrit even as they studied in the traditional Madrassa.

If these were examples of the progressive mind at work, there were other cases that highlighted the opposite of enlightenment and tolerance. In 1999, newspapers published reports about a Muslim man in Tirur paying the price for his son Rasheed learning Kathakali. Rasheed had a gift for dancing and had won many prizes when he was in school. He got admission to an institute teaching Kathakali and performed his arangetram in two years.

Orthodox Islamic leaders in his native town raised objections. They told the boy's father that his hotel business would have to be closed if he could not stop his son. The father lost his hotel and took to selling vegetables in a push-cart. Ironically, the family faced pressure from Hindu zealots as well. They wanted Rasheed to change his name to Ramayyan. Rasheed refused and had to face problems as a consequence.

Headlines were made in April 2000 when an Islamic scholar named Hassan Maulavi embraced Hinduism with the name Kamala Hassan. Comparisons were immediately made with the famous Malayalam-English writer Kamala Das, who went from Hinduism to Islam with the name Kamala Suraiya. The Maulavi, who was in close contact with the Shiv Sena in Kerala, had gone on record with objections to many Islamic practices. At one point, he had been attracted by the teachings of the Bible. He joined a Pentecostal mission institute for three years. Eventually, he opted for Hinduism.

He said he happened to read Ramayana and that was when his senses opened up to the intrinsic values of Hindu philosophy. From Ramayana he moved on to Vivekananda and eventually contacted Nitya Chaitanya Yeti, living then in Ooty. Yeti led him into the depths of Hindu thought, explaining the Vedas and the Upanishads. Every time Maulavi mentioned his idea of adopting Hinduism, Yeti would say such decisions must stem from one's own independent thoughts and ideals. Invitations to attend the Maulavi's conversion ceremony were sent out in the name of the Hindu Dharma Prachar Sabha. The situation produced some tensions and the Shiv Sena volunteered to provide full physical protection to the new Hindu.

There are many symbols of unity that bind India together. There are also many ways in which these symbols can be replaced with other emblems that guarantee disunity, intolerance and bigotry. The choice is ours

Historical factors made religion integral to public affairs in India. Partition added a bleeding wound to it, with Hindu-Muslim antagonism leading to perennial problems. Today, with about 195 million Muslims constituting slightly more than 10 per cent of the country's population, India is host to the world's largest Muslim minority. In a more tolerant world, this would have been reason for happiness, if only because it means the blending of some of history's richest traditions.

Time was when tolerance and co-existence were seen as signs of an enlightened mind. Iqbal once described Rama as the Imam of Hindustan, a beautiful phrase when we grasp its meaning. Many Muslim poets were inspired to write in the style of Chaitanya Mahaprabhu and the school of Vaishnava saints in general. Even today, pilgrims to Sabarimala pay obeisance at the shrine of Muslim saint, Vavar Sami. One-third of the proceeds from the Amarnath temple go to the family of Adam Malik, who discovered the cave hundreds of years ago.

Goga Merhi in Ganganagar, Rajasthan, is both a temple and a mosque. At Pirana, 18 kilometres from Ahmedabad, the shrine of Imamshah Baba is looked after by Hindu Patels. The Baba preached that the Prophet was an incarnation of Krishna. Meos of Bharatpur are Muslims who trace their descent from Arjuna and Bhima. There are many symbols of unity that bind India together. There are also many ways in which these symbols can be replaced with other emblems that guarantee disunity, intolerance and bigotry. The choice is ours.

RAJINIKANTH, JUST FOR ROARS & LAUGHS

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POLITICS is a joke, but not a laughing matter. When superstar Rajinikanth, the father lode of fun and funny, took the plunge into ballot burlesque, the BJP wept with joy. It's now clear that his coy "Will I, won't I?" oscillation for ages was only a clever act on the political stage. It is yet to be known whether voters of Tamil Nadu will grin and bear it next year when they queue up to elect a new government.

Kamal Haasan apart, 2021 is to be the first election after almost four decades in which film stars were not expected to play the lead. But Rajinikanth went into Thalapathi mode, announcing he would formally launch a political party to contest all 234 Assembly seats. His script says, "It's now or never" with a unique marketing pitch that promises, "Spiritual secular politics without case, creed or religion," vowing "a miracle will definitely happen".

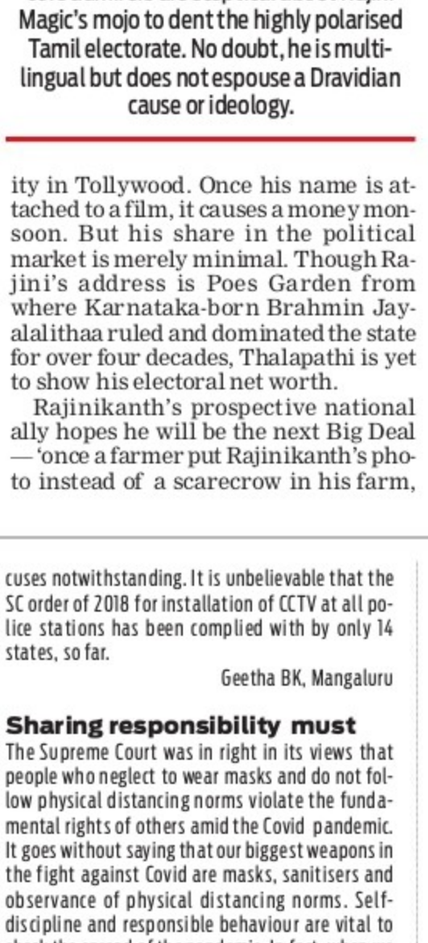
Is talking spirituality in politics yet another Rajinikanth joke? His fantastical roles as sci-fi Superman, Super cop, Super citizen, Super NRI and Super Romeo has defined him as the nemesis of evil and victor over villains, thereby creating a whole new humour genre — a joke deluge that bills him as invincible, unputdownable and an everlasting icon. 'Why does an earthquake occur????? Because at that time Rajinikanth's mobile is on vibration mode!' The RajiniQuake will make political vibrations but it could be the Dravidian Geiger counter that will be laughing all the way to the vote bank.

For Rajini fans, nothing is impossible for the Thalaivar — which, incidentally, means Chieftain. 'Before Tom Cruise, Rajini was approached for the film Mission Impossible, but Rajini declined as he found the title insulting.' This not a laughing matter. The versatile actor always stuck to the plot in which he alone is the focus of the film — in about a hundred of 165 movies. No surprise that the joke, 'Rajinikanth's next movie is called Twitter. He plays 140 characters,' seems too real to laugh about. His Mission Possible makes him the most sought after youth icon after MGR and Sivaji Ganesan in Tamil Nadu. Like him, neither were Tamilians. For the past three decades, Rajni kept Mission Real Politics impossible. Though he has promised to take on "corrupt" politics, he had been testing the water until now. Next year will reveal whether the joke will become a reality.

For the past 15 years, Rajinikanth has been promising a political plunge. As long as Jayalalithaa was alive, he confined himself to just announcements. Soon after her death, he told his fan club in 2017 for the first time that he was serious. But he is yet to formally announce his party and its agenda for governance. Fans chuckle, 'Rajinikanth first takes the gold medal and then the race starts.' Is that what this race is about?

It won't be easy. The hero's announcement has left Tamil Nadu politics cold in spite of the wisecrack that 'Rajinikanth can create fire by rubbing two ice cubes together!' His artificial celluloid persona hasn't disturbed even the traffic on Mount Road. Rajinikanth is no Amma or Kalaignar — his popular connectivity is only through the silver screen. He doesn't have any ideological, cultural or social bonding with Tamilians who exult in their Dravidian heritage. The BJP finds Thaliavar's non-alignment mode an ideal foil to Dravidian dominance. Modi took the first initiative in 2014 when he visited the actor's residence right before the Lok Sabha elections. Now the Southern Star has exposed his saffron leaning by inducting former BJP functionary Arjunamurthy as the chief coordinator of his fans' association.

The BJP has been wooing him either to join it or become an ally. It is aware that Rajinikanth enjoys huge credibility in Tollywood. Once his name is attached to a film, it causes a money monsoon. But his share in the political market is merely minimal. Though Rajini's address is Poes Garden from where Karnataka-born Brahmin Jayalalithaa ruled and dominated the state for over four decades, Thalapathi is yet to show his electoral net worth.



Rajinikanth is expected to bring to his fold his party followers, fans and even film stars from political parties. However, even his core admirers are sceptical about Rajini Magic's mojo to dent the highly polarised Tamil electorate. No doubt, he is multi-lingual but does not espouse a Dravidian cause or ideology.

Rajinikanth's prospective national ally hopes he will be the next Big Deal — 'once a farmer put Rajinikanth's photo instead of a scarecrow in his farm, you won't believe what happened. The birds were bringing back the crops taken last year!' Rajinikanth is expected to bring to his fold his party followers, fans and even film stars from political parties. However, even his core admirers are sceptical about Rajini Magic's mojo to dent the highly polarised Tamil electorate. No doubt, he is multi-lingual but does not espouse a Dravidian cause or ideology. But he can harvest an additional vote crop only if he is in a position to offer an alternative model with a better ethical and stable yield.

He has been inconsistent in his affiliations. He supported the DMK in the past and shifted to the AIADMK later. He has spoken against Hindi imposition by the Centre. Yet he has been rewarded by the BJP. In 2000, the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government conferred the Padma Bhushan on him. Sixteen years later, Modi bestowed the Padma Vibhushan on him.

While he may be garnering more viewers for his thrillers, he hasn't attracted reputable leaders from any Tamil party. Rajini's backers hope this may soon change. The razz, 'once Rajinikanth was standing on the balcony with a coin in his hand. The coin slipped from his hand and fell down. Rajinikanth on reaching the ground was searching for the coin but he couldn't find it. Guess why? Because he reached the ground before the coin did,' hints that they are betting on the Fast and Furious Rajinikanth style. Cinema goers get kicks out of action films for the Valour over Villain format with some sacrifice thrown in. Today, action stunts are technology generated and unreal. The jibe goes that 'Rajinikanth wears sunglasses to protect the Sun from his rage.' The superstar could now face the rage of both his adherents and critics who consider him a political disruptionist. His dilly-dallying on crucial issues coupled with the lack of a time-bound road map minimises his maximised magnetism. Rajinikanth may have roared in reel life, but in real life, he looks like a fake lion seeking a meaningful role desperately at 70 years of age. Experts of Tamil culture feel that the Thalaivar is unlikely to be even a king-maker let alone become the king himself. The joke is on him.

QUOTE CORNER

Many people loved to compare us all their lives. You (Maradona) were a genius that enchanted the world. A magician with the ball at his feet. A true legend. But above all that, for me, you will always be a great friend, with an even bigger heart

Pele, Brazilian football great

We do things a certain way in the US, possibly a little different, not necessarily better or worse than what's done in the UK, and I think that's where we slipped, where I slipped. I made it seem one was better than the other.

Dr Anthony Fauci, US infectious disease expert

The targeting of children and the use of live ammunition against them is a blatant and direct violation of international laws and conventions, including the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which Israel ratified in 1991.

Hanan Ashrawi, a member of PLO Executive Committee

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Wake-up call for KCR

The verdict of Hyderabad elections is a stern warning to TRS Party that it can no longer be apathetic to the woes of the people. Callous attitude towards Covid victims, demolition of the Secretariat with feverish urgency when Covid was at its peak and taking people for granted thinking that they have no alternative except TRS coupled with sheer arrogance that contributed to the dismal performance of the party. Inundation extenuated the rest. It was the Congress which suffered the same malaise and paid the price dearly and inflicted to itself irrevocable damage.

DSP Rao, Kakinada

Stop interfering in our matters

This has reference to the news 'India cautions Canada to stop actions that can damage ties'. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's comment on farmer's protests in Delhi is uncalled for. Of lat , India has become a punching bag to other nations who pass comment on the protests and agitations at home. Turkish President Erdogan, former Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammed had commented on the Kashmir issue. These same leaders never made statements about human rights abuses elsewhere. Being the largest democracy and secular cannot be the reason for them to take on the government.

S Arjun Prasanna, Bengaluru

Let's end custodial torture

The custodial deaths of a father and son in Tamil Nadu who were held for so-called violation of corona restrictions will never fade from public memory. In this connection, the Wednesday's Supreme Court ruling that investigating agencies like CBI and NIA should instal CCTV cameras in and around lockups holds some hope for future. It would be better if , after allowing reasonable time for installation, the courts themselves verify implementation of the SC order. The officials responsible should be taken to task for non-compliance, excuses notwithstanding. It is unbelievable that the SC order of 2018 for installation of CCTV at all police stations has been complied with by only 14 states, so far.

Geetha BK, Mangaluru

Sharing responsibility must

The Supreme Court was in right in its views that people who neglect to wear masks and do not follow physical distancing norms violate the fundamental rights of others amid the Covid pandemic. It goes without saying that our biggest weapons in the fight against Covid are masks, sanitisers and observance of physical distancing norms. Self-discipline and responsible behaviour are vital to check the spread of the pandemic. In fact, when we protect ourselves, we are indeed protecting others also.

C G Kuriakose, Kothamangalam

Kerala's bogus development

A man can lead a lavish life with borrowed money. But eventually his life ends in despair. This also applies to a state like Kerala where all development activities are based on borrowed money. The CAG has done a remarkable job with its report against KIIFB and it will help correct the bogus development activities in Kerala. Minister Thomas Isaac and his party will no longer be on hold after five months and he could find refuge in the United States. It is the common man of Kerala who must suffer from the debt incurred by thoughtless ministers like Isaac.

K A Solaman, Alappuzha

Politics of the absurd

With a positive outlook, there are chances of central government and agitating farmers trying to understand each other's views, aprehensions and reach a win-win agreement. Yet some of the political parties, which are losing public support, see this ongoing agitation as an opportunity to gain some advantage by adding fuel to the fire. Mamata Banerjee's statements are an example of such irresponsibility.

R Kasthurirangan, Bengaluru

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Sachin Pilot @SachinPilot
The anti-agricultural laws have created a crisis for the MSP-APMC. Farmers' future will be darkened by this law which benefits the capitalists

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
The power and determination of women farmers involved in the movement is also an aspect of India's feminism.

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
Solidarity & Support to the Kisan struggles against the Agri laws & Electricity Bill & the December 8 Bharat bandh

Children of farmers take online classes while their parents are out on protest at the Singhu border; (Right) Farmers wrestle near the protest site at Singhu brder in New Delhi on Saturday | SHEKHAR YADAV

Modi's sternest test yet, with farmers adamant

In previous agitations, response had been aligned to perceived threat to the BJP's political capital, but this time the govt appears to have drawn a clear line

MANISH ANAND @ New Delhi

BEARING his signature reform zeal with an eye on posterity, the three agrarian laws are also the biggest test for Narendra Modi in his six years as the Prime Minister,

The scale of the protests has seemingly surpassed the previous agitations against the Ordinances to amend the Land Acquisition Act, the Citizenship Amendment Act and even the Supreme Court order on the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

In the previous agitations, the response seemingly had been aligned to the perceived threat to the BJP's political capital. In the ongoing farmers' agitations, the government appears to have drawn a clear line beyond which there is a limited scope to yield the ground. It can look into aspects to give level playing fields to the APMC Mandis and the private players along with improving upon mechanism for grievance redressal. "The soul of the farm laws, which is to free the agrarian trading and make it seamless, cannot be touched," said a key government advisor.

The challenge, however, is much serious than the previous agitations.

"Farmers of Punjab overwhelmingly are up in arms against the laws. The BJP has little electoral hope from the state. The border state is far more sensitive than any. The PM may need to show tactfulness to save the soul of the laws while ensuring the farmers go back homes with their honour intact," said another advisor on agriculture.

Modi had allowed the lapse of the Land Ordinance after three promulgations, while ordering strengthening of the SC/ST Act. The political stake was quite high, as farmers in a number of states were up in arms against the Ordinance and the BJP didn't want to lose the gains among the Dalits made in 2014.

> **The BJP and the government both have been on a learning curve about protests... The experiences gained in the past will be seen in action in the next few days** — A BJP functionary

As the Citizenship Amendment Act bore the PM's signature assertions, the government remained firm despite the Shaheen Bagh protests gaining international attention. "The BJP and the government both have been on a learning curve about protests, which had been many since Modi assumed the PMO. The experiences gained in the past will be seen in action in the next few days as the government seeks to protect the farm laws," said a senior BJP functionary. "That the BJP leadership isn't looking at the next Punjab elections with great hopes may guide the government's approach."

NO TO GOVT FOOD AGAIN

Farmer union leaders once again decided to have their own tea and food, ferried from their langar (community kitchen) at Singhu border, during a break at Vigyan Bhawan, rather than having what was arranged by the government. Before the fifth round of talks began, they were also seen have buttermilk. During their last meeting on Thursday, too, the farmer leaders had their own lunch, tea and even water. They had offered the ministers to have the langar food instead and had told the government to focus on resolving the issues instead of trying to be a good host.

BORDER VIGIL BEEFED UP

The MHA on Saturday intensified security arrangements in Delhi and Haryana and deployed 10 more companies (1,000 personnel) of Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) in wake of the protests. A total of 52 paramilitary companies (5,200 troops) are now deployed. A ministry official said the move is aimed at preventing any untoward situation in wake of the protests. The Delhi Police has also strengthened arrangements in Outer and New Delhi districts. Around 5,000 Delhi police personnel are on duty along the borders.

SINGER SLAMS BOLLYWOOD

Punjab star Gippy Grewal on Saturday criticised Bollywood for not standing up for Punjab at a time when the state needs their support for the ongoing farmers' protest.' Thousands of farmers from many states held demonstrations for the ninth consecutive day at Delhi's border points,' against the new farm laws, which they fear will dismantle the MSP system. Rupinder Singh Grewal, popularly known as Gippy Grewal, took to Twitter and wrote that for years Punjab has welcomed Bollywood with open arms but its silence over the issue was painful.

Will try to clear remaining issues with further talks: Centre

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THEY had come prepared with placards that said "yes or no", insisting the government must reply to their demands in yes or no. "After we flashed placards, Tomar huddled with other ministers inside a room and came out to tell us the Act involves a lot of ministries. They sought two days time and proposed a meeting on December 6 or 7. We told them December 8 is Bharat Bandh so we can meet on December 9," Bharatiya Kisan Union leader Buta Singh said.

"The ministers said nothing will be left in the three laws after the amendments. But we told them clearly to repeal these laws," said Bharatiya Kisan Union, Punjab (Lakhowal Group), general secretary, Harvinder Singh Lakhowal.

Another farm leader, Balbir Singh Rajewal, said the government wanted a discussion on the Act but "we told them they are wasting their time."

After the meeting, Tomar appealed to the farmers again to end the agitation and also thanked them for their discipline during the protests. Before the meeting, the agriculture minister accompanied by defence minister Rajnath Singh, home minister Amit Shah and Goyal briefed PM Narendra Modi about the situation. "We are trying to double farmers' income. With further dialogue we will try to clear their remaining issues," said junior agriculture Kailash Choudhary.

PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO PROTEST PEACEFULLY: UN

New Delhi: United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres, speaking on the farm protests in India, has said that people have a right to demonstrate peacefully. "As to the question of India, what I would say to you is what I've said to others when raising these issues is that people have a right to demonstrate peacefully, and authorities need to let them do so," spokesperson for the secretary general Stephane Dujarric said.

Agitating farmers burn an effigy during their protest against the new farm laws at Golden Gate in Amritsar on Saturday | PTI

BJP LOSES POLITICAL FACE IN PUNJAB

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE BJP, already a marginal force in the border state of Punjab, appears to be fast losing whatever goodwill it has had among semi-rural areas of the state following the prolonged farmers' agitation.

The saffron party has postponed the foundation stone-laying ceremony of 10 district offices in the state due to the stir. The party had decided to go it alone in all 117 assembly seats in the polls due early 2022.

The BJP has so far ridden piggyback on its trusted longtime ally Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) in the state politics. After the Akalis' exit a few months back over the new farm laws, the BJP is now heading for a self-goal by antagonising Sikh voters. The ruling Congress led by Chief Minister Amarinder Singh has been fanning the fire by siding with the farmers, thus gaining the rural voters' sympathy.

"I do not see any possibility of BJP recovering from the loss of face following the farmers' stir. The party's support in the 25 urban seats has dried up as the Congress has emerged a big player. Besides, the Jat-Sikh vote matters. The BJP has virtually become a leaderless organisation with the exception of Surjit Kumar Jayani who supports farmers," says Prof Kuldeep Singh, a political analyst.

Punjab's political significance is unique in the country – it has gone through more than a decade of terrorism and despite years of Green Revolution, the state's rural distress persists. Former Union minister and senior Akali leader Harsimrat Kaur Badal recently said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had been wrongly advised on farmers' issues by his bureaucrats and vested interests.

Political analyst Jagroop Singh Sekhon says that the farmers' agitation would prove costly for the BJP.

"Punjab and Haryana have a very robust 'rural mandi' system which is perceived to be dismantled by the new laws. The farmers fear that corporatization of agriculture would cause more complications for their shrinking incomes," he said.

He says the BJP-SAD alliance was viewed as a unifying force in the communally sensitive state, which has now broken.

36 UK MPs ask their govt to raise issue with India

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

DAYS after India summoned the Canadian High Commissioner to protest the "unwarranted" remarks of PM Justin Trudeau and others, 36 British MPs from various parties have written to the British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab asking him to raise the issue with the Modi government.

The British MPs are coordinated by Labour MP Tanmanjeet Singh Dhesi. The letter sought an urgent meeting with the Foreign Secretary on communication.

In his letter on December 3 to Raab, Dhesi wrote: "It is a joint letter of MPs seeking an urgent meeting with you to discuss the deteriorating situation in Punjab and its relationship with the Centre". The letter also seeks an update of communications the foreign office has had with the Indian government including with Indian Foreign Secretary Harsh Shringla who visited UK on November 4.

The letter stated that the introduction of new laws by the Indian government has triggered widespread farmers' protests across the country for "failing to protect farmers' from exploitation and to ensure fair prices for their produce."

Singer Diljit Dosanjh flies down from US, lands at Singhu border

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

PUNJABI singer and actor Diljit Dosanjh, who was recently in controversy over his war of words with Bollywood actress Kangana Ranaut on twitter over farm protest, flew back from the US on Saturday and went straight to the Singhu border to express solidarity with the agitating farmers.

"I have come here not to speak but to listen to you. We use to hear tales that inspired us and now are witnessing history being created yet again. I compliment you for having created history as all of you are sitting peacefully," he told the protesters. Urging the government to accept the farmers' demands, he said, "Whatever the farmers want, the government should agree to. Please do not divert from the issues." Diljit said he would speak both in Punjabi and Hindi so that one 'need not Google' what he is saying. Words often get twisted on social media, he quipped.

New Parliament model unveiled, PM to lay foundation stone on Dec 10

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone for a new Parliament building on December 10, said Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Saturday.

The new 64,500-square-metre building proposed to be designed as a triangle shape will be constructed close to the existing complex under the ambitious Central Vista project and is expected to be completed within two years. It will be constructed by Tata Projects Limited at a cost of ₹861.90 crore.

The new model of Parliament building was unveiled on Saturday.

Birla said the ceremony will begin with a 'bhumi pujan' by the PM. The new Parliament building, which will have separate offices for all MPs, will be equipped with the latest digital interfaces as a step towards creating paperless offices. It will also have a grand Constitution Hall to showcase India's democratic heritage, a lounge for members of Parliament, a library, multiple committee rooms, dining areas and ample parking space. He said as many as 1,224 MPs can sit together in the building.

Earlier, construction company Larsen and Toubro, which had submitted a bid of ₹865 crore, had lost the bid to the Tatas for the building.

The redevelopment project of Central Vista also includes a common central secretariat and revamping of the 3-km-long Rajpath — from the Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate.

EXPRESS READ

Roy named in MLA's murder case months before Bengal elections

Kolkata: Months before the assembly poll in West Bengal next month, the CID on Saturday mentioned BJP national vice president Mukul Roy's name in the supplementary chargesheet in connection with the murder of a TMC MLA in Nadia district. The agency mentioned Roy's name as one of the conspirators involved in the murder. The CID had also mentioned name of BJP MP from Ranaghat, Jagannath Sarkar, in another supplementary chargesheet submitted in September this year. The Bengal BJP alleged that the move was politically motivated. "The police found his involvement 22 months after the murder took place. The BJP emerged as the ruling party's principal opposition in last year's general elections. The TMC realised our party is going to be a threat in the upcoming election," a BJP leader said.

'Vij issued wrong statement due to lack of awareness'

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BHARAT Biotech said the phase 3 trials are double-blinded and randomized, where 50% of subjects will receive vaccines and 50% of subjects will receive a placebo.

Savita Varma, the principal investigator of the trial at the PGI, Rohtak under whose aegis Vij participated in the trial, refused to comment on the issue.

Another senior researcher associated with the project insisted the minister did not know whether he had got the vaccine or placebo but probably put out a misleading public statement due to lack of awareness.

Santanu Tripathi, expert clinical pharmacologist and clinical trialist from Kolkata, said: "It is not surprising that a trial participant having received the vaccine shot contracts corona infection or is hospitalised due to the severe Covid-19."

"If a participant is diagnosed with Covid-19 during the trial period, this is no doubt a serious adverse event. Establishing relatedness of the event to the study vaccine or procedures needs to be ascertained but it is unlikely to be induced by the trial medication—either vaccine or placebo."

Largest vaccine buyer

India is the largest buyer of Covid vaccines in the world with 1.6 billion doses, according to a global analysis, a number some scientists say could cover 800 million people.

SITTING JUDGE DIES OF COVID

A sitting judge of the Gujarat High Court, Justice G R Udhwani (59), died following a cardiac arrest on Saturday while undergoing treatment for coronavirus infection at a private hospital in Ahmedabad

2 MW MIZORAM'S FIRST SOLAR POWER PLANT LAUNCHED

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	33	15	Mumbai	34	23
Bhopal	32	14	Panaji	36	25
Jaipur	30	16	Patna	27	14
Amritsar	25	10	Lucknow	28	14
Chennai	28	25	Port Blair	31	25
Kolkata	29	20	Imphal	23	9
Srinagar	13	2	Chandigarh	27	13

The Covid pandemic has depleted the cash reserves of Red rebels, say police officials. File photo shows BSF jawans patrolling a Maoist stronghold | PTI

Jharkhand cops to name and shame Maoists

With shrinking cadre, the rebels have been making fresh bids to increase strength

MUKESH RANJAN @Ranchi

TIGHTENING the noose over the banned Maoist outfit, People's Liberation Front of India (PLFI), the Jharkhand Police has decided to name and shame its top leaders. The police have released photographs of seven wanted Maoists, including PLFI chief Dinesh Gope, who is carrying a bounty of ₹25 lakh on his head.

According to an official release by Jharkhand Police, anybody who gives information related to these wanted Maoists will be given cash prize equivalent to the bounty amount. The informer's name and identity will not be revealed.

Besides that of Gope, the other Maoists whose photographs and details have been released are Jidan Guria, Tilkeshwar Gope, Awdhesh Kumar Jaisawal, Ajay Purty, Sanichar Surin and Mangra Lugun.

"This is part of our strategy to neutralise PLFI rebels through sustained planned operations," said a senior police officer. Gope is the most dreaded among all these rebels and is also wanted by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in terror funding and money laundering cases.

His two wives, Hira Devi and Shakuntala Kumari, were arrested by the NIA and incriminating documents were seized from their Kolkata houses in January this year, but Gope remains elusive.

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Official release of Jharkhand police

The police crackdown comes amid renewed attempts by the PLFI to increase its footprint. With its shrinking cadre base, the PLFI rebels have been making a fresh bid to increase their strength by putting posters appealing to people to join them. Because of the lockdown and other factors, the Maoist outfit also saw its coffers drained and as a result, cases of Red rebels demanding levy from local businessmen and contractors have increased. Last Friday, they pasted a poster outside the office of state Lok Janshakti Party president and businessman Virendra Pradhan demanding ₹2 crore and threatened to kill him if he failed to pay.

Existential threat pushes Kushwaha towards JD(U)

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @Patna

FACING an existential threat after a demoralising defeat in the recent assembly elections, the Rashtriya Lok Samata Party (RLSP) is reportedly considering merging with the JD(U) or joining the NDA as an ally.

RLSP chief and former junior HRD minister Upendra Kushwaha met Bihar CM and JD(U) chief Nitish Kumar on December 2, sparking rumours about Kushwaha's move.

Given his background, if he merges with the JD(U) or joins the NDA, he could be the most preferred choice to head the education ministry, sources in the NDA said.

RLSP spokesperson Bhola Sharma did not rule out the possibility of the party joining the NDA yet again. "Kushwaha ji had met Nitish Kumar. Many NDA leaders want Kushwaha ji back in the NDA. However, the possibility of an RLSP-JD(U) merger is remote," he said.

Nitish has offered Kushwaha (pic) to merge his outfit with the JD(U) and head the state education ministry. Kushwaha has a teaching background and devoted the entire election manifesto of his party on education-related improvements

Sources in NDA

Asked by the media recently on the possibility of his party's truck with JD(U), Kushwaha had said politics thrives on possibilities, but had denied any merger plan. Till the recent assembly elections, Kushwaha, who has frequently changed his allies, was at loggerheads with Nitish. On November 27, the last day of the 17th Assembly's inaugural session, the CM had a heated argument with leader of the Opposition Tejashwi Yadav. At that time Kushwaha had strongly supported Nitish, who later thanked the RLSP leader.

Observers say Kushwaha would do better if he merges his party with the JD(U) so he wouldn't have to rethink on his political survival. There's another reason why Nitish wants to bring Kushwaha on board: it could revive the so-called Love-Kush equation (Kurmi-Kushwaha castes) in the JD(U).

BJP makes impressive gains in UP MLC polls

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

MAKING its presence felt for the first time in the teachers' constituency for the state legislative council elections, the ruling BJP made an impressive opening by winning three of the six seats. While the main opposition Samajwadi Party won one seat, the remaining two — Gorakhpur and Agra — were won by independents.

The saffron victory ended nearly 50-year dominance of eight-time MLC and UP Madhyamik Shikshak Sangh president Om Prakash Sharma in Meerut.

However, the BJP failed to perform in its bastion of Varanasi, which is the parliamentary constituency of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, where the SP wrested the seat. Besides Meerut, the BJP won the Lucknow and the Bareilly-Moradabad division teachers' seats. The BJP had fielded candidates on four of six teachers' constituency seats of which they won three.

The results of the six teachers' constituencies were declared by the Election Commission late Friday night. As per the results declared by the Election Commission, BJP's Umesh Dwivedi won the Lucknow division teachers' seat, Shrichand Sharma the Meerut seat and Hari Singh Dhillon the Bareilly-Moradabad seat.

SP's Lal Bihari Yadav won the Varanasi teachers' seat. Akash Agrawal and Dhruv Kumar Tripathi, both independents, bagged the Agra and Gorakhpur teachers' seats.

The counting is still on for five seats belonging to the graduate constituencies. Of the five seats, the result of only one seat, Allahabad-Jhansi, has been declared. The seat, bagged by the SP, ended the 24-year dominance of the BJP. The counting for the five MLC seats under the graduates' constituencies was under way.

SPREAD ACROSS ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCIES

Voters for these polls are spread across several districts and many assembly segments. In teachers' constituency, government teachers for class 10 and above register themselves as voters while in graduate constituency polls, all graduates who graduated three years before the poll-date, are voters

Hindu outfit booked for diktat against church visit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Guwahati

ASSAM'S Cachar district authorities have filed a case against a local unit of the Bajrang Dal which issued a diktat warning the Hindus against visiting churches in the district during Christmas.

"If any Hindu in Cachar is found visiting a church on this Christmas, he or she will face dire consequences," Bajrang Dal's district general secretary Mithu Nath had warned.

The right wing organisation's threat is the apparent fallout of recent locking up of the main gate of Vivekananda Cultural Centre in Shillong, the capital of Christian-majority Meghalaya, by some miscreants. The centre, which imparts computer education, is a property of the Ramakrishna Mission.

"Why should we go and celebrate with them when they are locking up our temples in Shillong? No Hindu will visit a church on this Christmas. We will make sure nobody do so," Nath said. He implicated Meghalaya's Khasi Students' Union (KSU) in the Shillong incident.

Cachar District Magistrate Keerthi Jalli said, "A case has been filed *suo motu* (in connection with the Bajrang Dal threat)."

The relationship between tribals and Bengalis in Shillong and its adjoining areas had strained following an incident of violence that occurred in Meghalaya's East Khasi Hills in February at the end of a meeting which the KSU had organised to discuss the citizenship Act.

JUMBO MESSAGE

Rajasthan policemen ride on elephants during the 'No Mask, No Entry' campaign against Covid, in Jaipur on Saturday | PTI

'Arnab ignored Naik's threat to end life'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mumbai

REPUBLIC TV editor-in-chief Arnab Goswami and two other businessmen did not heed interior designer Anvay Naik's threat to end his life if his dues were not paid, said the chargesheet filed by the Maharashtra police in the 2018 suicide abetment case. The chargesheet filed on Friday at the Alibaug Sessions Court in Raigad district also claimed that Naik killed his mother before killing himself. The other two named in the chargesheet are Firoze Sheikh and Nitish Sarda.

Meanwhile, Goswami on Saturday moved the Bombay High Court again, seeking a direction to the lower court not to take cognisance of the chargesheet. Arnab alleged that the police filed it knowing fully well that he had filed an application in the High Court seeking a stay on the filing of chargesheet. The police have invoked sections 306 (abetment to suicide) and 109 (punishment for abetment) of the IPC in the chargesheet that runs into 1,914 pages.

Sources said the prosecution side relies on the purported suicide note of Naik. His handwriting has been matched with the writing in the suicide note and the forensic report indicated that he was not under pressure while writing it, said the sources.

PLACEMENTS

Amid Covid, IIT-K student gets ₹1.47 cr package

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

DESPITE the campus placement rate coming down at the Indian Institute of Technology- Kanpur (IIT-K) owing to the Covid-19 pandemic, domestic and MNCs have offered handsome packages to students.

The highest package is ₹1.47 crore per annum offered by an MNC. An Indian company has offered the highest ₹82 lakh annual package to a student.

Sources in the placement cell of IIT-Kanpur said the number of companies which visited the campus seeking candidates this year came down from 300 last year to 230 this year. The placement on IIT-K campus commenced on December 1.

Sources said there was no change in the packages offered in dollars by the multinational companies. However, due to a weak rupee, the package offered in dollars by some companies reduced this year. In the previous year, the highest package in Indian currency was of ₹1.50 crore in the placement drive held online due to the pandemic.

On the contrary, domestic industries came to the campus with hike offers. The rise in the package has been to the tune of ₹20 lakh.

This year, most Indian companies have offered packages as high as ₹82 lakh as against the package of ₹62.28 lakh offered by Indian companies last year.

Since the beginning of campus placements, nearly 120 companies have arrived for selecting candidates. Other companies will reach as per the fixed schedule by December 9 , said placement cell sources.

EXL Service, Axis, Vmock and Sterlite were the top recruiters, said the sources.

NC, PDP took turns to loot JK people, says BJP

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

RAISING the pitch against the mainstream parties in Jammu and Kashmir amid the District Development Council (DDC) polls, BJP national general secretary and Jammu & Kashmir in-charge Tarun Chug on Saturday alleged that the National Conference (NC) and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) were dynastic parties that had only looted the people in the past.

"Due to the actions of these parties in the last 70 years, the trust of people in democracy was shaken. The two parties were taking turns in forming the government in Jammu & Kashmir... They were taking turns to loot the people," Chug said.

He said before coming to power, PDP founder Mufti Mohd Sayeed spoke against corruption.

"But when he came to power, he did not act against the previous NC government," Chug said. Claiming that people were fed up with these parties, Chug said, "NC is Abdullah and Sons. First it was Sheikh Abdullah, then Farooq, then Omar and now it will be another Abdullah. What choice Jammu & Kashmir people had?...Mufti and sons and daughters."

In seven decades, the BJP leader said there had been layers of corruption in J&K. "Now these layers are getting exposed," he said referring to the controversial Roshni Land Act that has been cancelled after the high court declared it null and void. "The money provided for development in these years did not reach the ground."

Referring to voter turnout in three phases of the DDC polls, Chug said, "It is an indication that time for dynasty politics is over in Jammu & Kashmir."

EXPRESS READ

Over 500 Mahagathbandhan cadre booked

Patna: In a late evening development on Saturday, the Patna district administration lodged an FIR against 18 leaders of the Grand Alliance (GA), including leader of the opposition and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav, and 500 unknown people. The FIR has been lodged under various sections of the IPC and the Epedemic Diseases Act. Tejashwi Yadav and hundreds of supporters of the Mahagathbandhan staged a dharna in protest against the new Agriculture Acts, expressing solidarity with the agitating farmers in Delhi. According to official sources, the dharna was staged without permission, violating the Covid protocols. Other prominent leaders named in the FIR are Congress leader Madan Mohan Jha, RJD leader Shyam Rajak and Mritunjay Tiwari. ENS

Toll doubles in 2 months

Dehradun: Nearly half of the total deaths in Uttarakhand due to Covid infection has taken place in the last two months. On October 4, the total deaths in the state were 652. Afterwards, the toll has spiked to 1,273. The state recorded 618 fresh Covid cases on Friday even as the number of total cases in shot up to 76,893. Dehradun has been leading in the fresh infections. Out of total 618 cases that surfaced on Friday, 239 were in Dehradun alone. ENS

IT firm given 100 acres

Kolakata: The West Bengal government has allotted 100 acres of land to Silicon Valley, a new Information Technology hub in New Town, and allotted plots to 21 IT companies. The fast track allotment by the state government was aimed at facilitating expansion of IT and IT enabled services through which the state government hopes to create 5 lakh new jobs in next three years. ENS

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Education dept gets ready to start Vatika classes

The Chandigarh Administration is all set to introduce Vatika-class schools, as the education department has started preparations for introducing an additional class before Class 1. From the 2021-22 academic session, there will be a pre-nursery and anganwadi centre in all government schools. The administration is waiting for the official notification from the Centre to introduce the class. As per the New Education Policy (NEP), three-year-old children will get admission to pre-nursery class in government schools while four-year-old children can be admitted in nursery class.

City's first underpass to get escalators

To provide relief to general public, especially the elderly people, the Chandigarh Union Territory Administration is mulling to install escalators at the first underpass of the city, between Sector 17 and 22. The underpass was constructed in the year 1996 for the convenience of people to commute from and to the bus stand. As several resident welfare associations wrote to the administration, seeking an esclalator to access the underpass, the Engineering Department of the administration was tasked with conducting a survey for the installation of escalators. It has asked the Architecture Department to prepare a design for the same. After the desing is finalised and approved, tenders will be floated for the installation of escalators.

Tender for restoring Capitol bldgs floated

For the fifth time, the Chandigarh Administration has floated a tender for restoration, preservation, conservation and management of the Capitol Complex which comprises the Punjab and Haryana government Civil Secretariat building. The restoration work of the Capitol Complex is expected to be finished in 18 months and the estimate is ₹25.73 crore. Of this, ₹22.18 crore will be spent on civil works, ₹1.7 crore on public health and ₹1.8 crore on electrical installations. The Chandigarh administration had first floated the tender in this regard in August last year.

'Shooting stars' test positive in city

Veteran bollywood actress Neetu Kapoor and actor Varun Dhawan have tested positive for Covid-19 on Friday. They have been shooting for their upcoming movie ₹Jug Jugg Jeeyo' in the city. While Neetu is flying back to Mumbai from Chandigarh, her actor-son Ranbir Kapoor has made necessary arrangements. Dhawan and director Raj Mehta will be quarantined in the city.

Heritage furniture from varsity auctioned in Italy

Heritage furniture, including a pair of wooden chairs with braided cane, another pair of wooden chairs and two armchairs with wooden structure and a seat in braided cane, from the Panjab University, and three furniture items, including a Pierre Jeanneret-designed pair of small wooden stools from the administrative buildings of the city, were auctioned on December 2 at Milan in Italy for around ₹55 lakh.

6,58,65,820
coronavirus cases have been recorded since the pandemic began, as per an AFP tally

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	5	-4	SNY	Los Angeles	24	9	SNY
Colombo	31	23	TDS	Melbourne	18	11	LR
Dhaka	29	15	SNY	Moscow	2	-2	LR
Dubai	29	18	SNY	New York	12	6	SNY
Houston	19	6	LC	Singapore	32	25	TDS
Istanbul	15	9	LC	Toronto	9	5	SNY
London	10	6	LC	Washington	14	8	SNY

Johnson & EU chief in last-ditch bid to break deadlock

Two leaders discuss state of play after negotiators paused Brexit talks; serious differences remain over EU's "level playing field" standards

LONDON

POST-Brexit trade discussions between the European Union and the UK will resume on Sunday following a pause in negotiations in light of their inability to bridge an array of differences, Britain's prime minister and the head of the EU's executive branch said.

The discussions have been stuck over the same issues for months. In a joint statement Saturday following a phone call between them, British PM Boris Johnson and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said "a further effort" should be undertaken by their respective negotiating teams to assess whether the "significant differences" can be resolved.

With the UK's post-Brexit transition period due to conclude at the end of the year, the discussions are clearly facing a crunch point, not least because of the necessary approvals required from both sides. Without an agreement in place, tariffs will end up being imposed on traded goods at the start of 2021.

In their statement, the pair noted that progress has been achieved in many areas and also the areas of division on the issues of fishing rights, the "level playing field" — the standards the UK must meet to export into the bloc — and how future disputes are resolved.

PM Boris Johnson and Ursula von der Leyen, president of European Commission | AP

"Both sides underlined that no agreement is feasible if these issues are not resolved," they said. "Whilst recognising the seriousness of these differences, we agreed that a further effort should be undertaken by our negotiating teams to assess whether they can be resolved."

The "level playing field" is key for the EU, which fears Britain will slash social and environmental standards and pump state money into UK industries, becoming a low-regulation economic rival on the bloc's doorstep.

EU chief negotiator Michel Barnier and his British counterpart, David Frost, agreed on Friday to "pause" negotiations while they brief political leaders. "We will keep calm as always and if there is a way, still a way, we will see," Barnier said Saturday morning outside a hotel in London before heading off to Brussels.

Though the UK left the EU on Jan. 31, it remains within the bloc's tariff-free single market and customs union until the end of this year. A trade deal by then would ensure there are no tariffs and quotas on trade in goods between the two sides, but there would still be technical costs, partly associated with customs checks and non-tariff barriers on services.

Though both sides would suffer economically from a failure to secure a trade deal, most economists think the British economy would take a greater hit as it is relatively more reliant on trade with the EU than vice versa. A European source told AFP on Friday of "serious difficulties" at this crucial late stage in the process, while UK government sources told British media outlets the EU side was making "completely unrealistic" demands. *Agencies*

'EAT THE RICH'

Argentina to tax 12K people for Covid relief

BUENOS AIRES

ARGENTINA'S Senate passed a tax on about 12,000 of the country's richest people on Friday, to pay for coronavirus measures including medical supplies and relief for the poor and small businesses.

The government of President Alberto Fernandez hopes to raise $3.75 billion with the one-off levy.

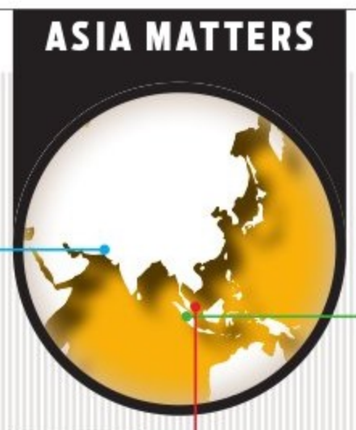
Argentina's 44 million population has been badly hit by the coronavirus, with more than 1.4 million cases and over 39,500 deaths.

The pandemic has exacerbated already high unemployment and poverty rates in a country which has been in recession since 2018.

Under the scheme -- also dubbed the "millionaire's tax" -- people with declared assets greater than 200 million pesos will pay a progressive rate of up to 3.5 % on wealth in Argentina and up to 5.25 % on wealth outside the country. Of the proceeds, 20 % will go to medical supplies for the pandemic, another 20% to small and medium-sized businesses, 15% to social developments, 20% to student scholarships and 25% to natural gas ventures.

Director of the tax agency Mercedes Marcó del Pont said it will affect almost 12,000 taxpayers. *AFP*

ASIA MATTERS



PAKISTAN

Bureaucrats to be fired if found corrupt: PM

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan has said the government will introduce a new system of "reward and punishment" for the civil servants under which corrupt bureaucrats will be sacked instead of just transferring. Speaking at a ceremony to celebrate the completion of two years of Pakistan Citizen Portal at the Prime Minister House on Friday, Khan said he was dissatisfied over the performance of the current local governments, the *Dawn* newspaper reported. "The government was introducing a new system of 'reward and punishment' for the civil servants. Under the new system officials would not be transferred but sacked if found involved in corruption and irregularities," he said. Khan also said that under a separate new system introduced at the village level funds would be transferred directly to the councils.

SINGAPORE

Serum Institute chief among 6 named 'Asians of the Year'

Adar Poonawalla, the chief executive of the world's largest vaccine manufacturer Serum Institute of India, is among six people named "Asians of the Year" by Singaporean daily *The Straits Times* for their work in fighting the Covid-19 pandemic. Pune-based Serum Institute of India (SII) has collaborated with the University of Oxford and AstraZeneca for making the vaccine, ''Covidshield'', and is conducting trials in India. Chinese researcher Zhang Yongzhen, who led the team that published online the first complete genome of the coronavirus, is among the five others in the list.

INDONESIA

Indonesia summons British ambassador over Papua separatist leader

Indonesia has lodged a formal protest with Britain after a UK-based separatist leader announced an interim government-in-exile for the restive Papua province. Mineral-rich Papua, Indonesia's easternmost province, has been dealing for decades with a low-level separatist insurgency, as well as poverty and communal tensions. Benny Wenda, leader of a pro-independence group, this week declared himself the president of a new interim government in Papua, but an infuriated Jakarta dismissed his claim. Indonesia's foreign ministry on Friday summoned British ambassador Owen Jenkins to convey "strong protest" over Benny Wenda's statements and activities, according to ministry spokesman Teuku Faizasyah.

RUSSIA STARTS VACCINATING AT-RISK WORKERS IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW

MOSCOW on Saturday began vaccinating workers at high risk of becoming infected with the coronavirus at newly opened clinics across the city.

Health officials said they had opened 70 coronavirus vaccine centres in the Russian capital that would initially offer jabs for health, education and social workers.

"Citizens from the main risk groups who in connection with their professional activities come into contact with a large number of people can get vaccinated," officials said.

A woman gets a a shot of Russia's Sputnik V coronavirus vaccine (R) | AP, AFP

Russia was one of the first countries to announce the development of a vaccine, Sputnik V -- dubbed after the Soviet-era satellite -- in August but before beginning final clinical trials. It is currently in its third and final stage of clinical trials involving some 40,000 volunteers.

Sputnik V's developers last month said interim results had shown the vaccine was 95-percent effective and would be cheaper and easier to store than some alternatives. *AFP*

Massive fundraising for Georgia runoffs

ATLANTA

THE outcomes of two Senate seat runoffs in Georgia will decide the shape of Biden's presidency. They may also determine Trump's legacy as a popular Republican president, as he campaigns in the state.

The Georgia U.S. Senate runoffs don't take place until Jan 5. But there are already some clear winners. At the state's most influential television station, Atlanta's WSB, an ad that cost candidates $8,000 in July now goes for about $18,000. In the smaller market of Savannah, ad rates have soared nearly twentyfold.

Georgia's two Republican senators, David Perdue and Kelly Loeffler, are in devilish competitions that kicked off after neither won more than 50% of the vote on Election Day. Perdue is seeking reelection against Democratic challenger Jon Ossoff, while Loeffler, who was appointed to her seat, is looking to complete the term of the retired Sen. Johnny Isakson, running against Democrat Raphael Warnock.

If Republicans win one race, they will maintain a narrow majority, and the chamber will serve as a bulwark against Democratic ambitions. But if Democrats carry both, the balance will be 50-50 —with Vice President-elect Kamala Harris delivering tie-breaking votes. That will enable Biden to enact a more ambitious agenda.

For Marc Thiessen, a former speechwriter for George W Bush, the political future of Trump could hinge on how he handles the Georgia runoffs.

"If Trump flexes his political muscle and leads the GOP to victory in Georgia, it could be the first step in his political restoration," Thiessen wrote in The Washington Post. *Agencies*

US court tells Trump admin to restore 'Dreamer' scheme

NEW YORK

REVERSING the decision of the outgoing Trump administration, a federal court has ordered full reinstatement of an Obama-era programme that protects undocumented immigrants brought to the US as minors from deportation — a ruling that will help a large number of Indian migrants.

The Trump administration tried ending the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) in 2017, but the US Supreme Court blocked its attempt in June.

On Friday, US District Judge Nicholas Garaufis in the Eastern District of New York directed the Department of Homeland Security to extend the two-year renewals to DACA recipients and start accepting applications from first-time applicants beginning Monday.

This means that for the first time since September 2017, new applicants who were not previously eligible may now apply for the programme which shields undocumented immigrants who came to the US as children from deportation.

"The court believes that these additional remedies are reasonable. Indeed, the government has assured the court that a public notice along the lines described is forthcoming," Judge Garaufis said in his order.

The DACA is an immigration policy that allows some individuals with unlawful presence in the US, after being brought to the country as children, to receive a renewable two-year period of deferred action from deportation and become eligible for a work permit in the US. DACA recipients are often referred to as Dreamers. To be eligible for the programme, recipients cannot have felonies or serious misdemeanours on their records.

Approximately 6,40,000 immigrants are enrolled in the DACA programme.

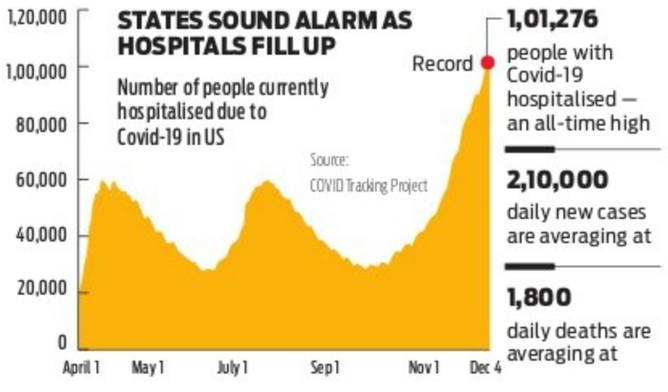
According to a 2019 report by South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT), there are at least 6,30,000 Indians who are undocumented, a 72% increase since 2010. *PTI*

2 Trump allies named to def advisory board

The Pentagon has appointed two close allies of Donald Trump, Corey Lewandowski and David Bossie, to a defense advisory board, continuing a post-poll purge in the final weeks of the administration. Nine members of the Defense Business Board had been replaced with the appointment of 11 new members. The role of the Defense Business Board, is to provide the secretary of defense and deputy secretary of defense with independent advice and recommendations on overall Defense Department management, business processes and governance from a private-sector perspective.

Relief extended for student loan payment

The Trump administration on Friday suspended all federal student loan payments through the end of January and kept interest rates at 0%, extending a moratorium that started early in the pandemic but was set to expire at the end of this month. By extending payments by one month, the administration is effectively leaving it to the Biden administration or Congress to decide whether to provide longer-term relief to millions of student borrowers. The measure was included in a March package and the White House extended it in August.



REPUBLICANS VASTLY OUTRAISE DEMOCRATS
Funds raised in Georgia by political committees since October 15
National Republican Senatorial Committee
$75.5 mn
Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee
$31.6 mn
* A super PAC aligned with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnel. Senate Majority PAC is its Dem rival
Senate Leadership Fund*
$71 mn
Senate Majority PAC
$10.2 mn
Republicans
Democrats
$500 mn
Some speculate that the cost of the abbreviated electoral contest could approach $500 million

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the General Public that our client **MR. DILIP VAMANAN S/o.Dr K Vamanan Namboothiri** No. J63 Diamond District, Old Airport Road, Bangalore is intending to purchase the **"Schedule Property"** mentioned hereunder from **MR. SYED MOHSIN ALI** S/o.Mr. Syed Abdul Haleem, No. 25,Ranoji Rao Road, Mohammaden Block, Basavangudi, Bangalore 560 004. Any Person/s, Banks, Financial Institution., etc. objecting for the proposed sale or having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the "Schedule property" are hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the advocate mentioned herein failing which our client shall proceed and complete the Sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural Land bearing **Sy No.118,** Katha No.H3/2013-14, Situated at **Singasandra Village, Harohalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District** measuring 2 acre 19 guntas , together with all rights, appurtenances in whatsoever manner whether hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the : **East by : Land bearing Sy No.117 and 119, West by : Sabaradoddi Gramatana, North by : Land bearing SY No.115 and 117, South by : Government Road**

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Bangalore Date : 05-12-2020

IN THE COURT OF THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, BANGALORE RURAL DIST, BANGALORE
CRI.MIS. No.407/2020

BETWEEN: 1) Sri Huchanna, S/o Late Hanumaiah, Aged about 65 years, R/at No. Ganigerahalli Village, Chikkabanawara Post, Yeshwanthpura Hobli. Bengaluru North Taluk,
2) Smt. Huchamma, W/o Thimaiah. Aged about 78 years, R/ at No. 30, 4th K Cross, Near Maruthi School, Maruthi Nagar Vishwabharathi Nagar, Kamakshipalya, Bengaluru North
3) Smt. Yellamma, W/o. Chinnappa, Aged about 76 years, R/at No. 299, Shethalli, Jalahalli West, Bengaluru North,
4) Sri.Bylappa S/o Late Hanumaiah, Aged about 74 years, R/at No. Ganigerahalli Village, Chikkabanawara Post, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk,
5) Sri. Rangaswamaiah S/o late Hanumaiah, Aged about 73 years, R/at No. Ganigerahalli Village, Chikkabanawara Post, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk,
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9) Sri. Yellappa. S/o late Hanumaiah, Aged about 63 years, Residing at Shettihalli, Jantha Colony 3rd cross, Bengaluru 560050
10) Smt. Rathnamma D/o Hanumaiah Aged about 61 years, Bylappanapalya Veerasagara Sringripura Ramanagara District 561101 Magadi Taluk ... **Petitioner**
AND
The Registrar of Births and Deaths, Thasildar Bangaluru North Taluk Bengaluru, ... **Respondent**

PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas the above petitioner has filed the petition for issue of Death Certificate of mother **Late Lakshmamma W/o Late Hanumaiah,** died on 21-06-1994 at the above address.
Any person interested in this matter, may appear before the above court **at 11 A.M. on 24/12/2020** to which date the case is posted for hearing.
Given under my hand and the seal of this Hon'ble CMM Court, this the 02 Day of December 2020.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/- Shirastedar Court of the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bangalore Rural Dist

ADVOCATE FOR PETITONER
S.N.R. ASSCIATES, Advocate
No. 5, 3rd Cross, 1st Floor, Sirur Park Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003. M : 9964283035

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that I, the undersigned have lost the Original registered Deed of Absolute Sale dated 01.01.2011 and registered as document No.6363/2010-11 of Book-I, Stored in CD No. BNSD 76, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar (Banaswadi) Bangalore, in respect of the immovable property bearing **Site No. 27, Khatha No. 840, Carved out of Property No.7/4, New B Khatha Serial No.470,** Situated at **Nagareshwara Nagenahalli, Village, K.R.Puram,** Bangalore, East Taluk, Coming within the Limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore.

I have also lodge a online complaint regarding the loss of the aforesaid original document, bearing vide Lost Report No.149121 dated 19.11.2020.

Any person finding the said original may kindly return the same to me at the below given address.

NOOR AYSHA KHANUM, Wife of Dr.Syed Siddique Ahmed, Flat No.2132, 13th Floor,

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NOOR AYESHA KHANUM
Phone No. : 9845215566
Bangalore Dated : 06-12-2020

IN THE COURT OF THE CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE, BANGALORE RURAL DIST, BANGALORE
CRI.MIS. No.408/2020

BETWEEN: 1) Sri Huchanna, S/o Late Hanumaiah, Aged about 65 years, R/at No. Ganigerahalli Village, Chikkabanawara Post, Yeshwanthpura Hobli. Bengaluru North Taluk,
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PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas the above petitioner has filed the petition for issue of Death Certificate of father **Hanumaiah S/o. Late Venkataramanappa,** died on 09-01-1985 at the above address.
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eProcurement Notice for Road Works
Identification No. Road Online NCB No.281
No. 2144 // Date: 26-11-2020

O-641

1. Name of the work : Improvement of Road Works under RIDF & Inter District Inter Block Connectivity
2. Total no. of work : 05 (Five) Nos.
3. Estimated Cost : As per Annexure.
4. Class of Contractor : As per Annexure.
5. Period of Completion : As per Annexure.
6. Other details :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification.	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O S.E.N.E.R.W. Circle, Keonjhar	
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Superintending Engineer, North Eastern Rural Works Circle, Keonjhar	Road Online NCB No.281	Dt.08.12.20 at 11.00 A.M.	Dt.19.12.20 up to 3.00 P.M.	Dt.18.12.20 up to 3.00 P.M.	Dt.21.12.20 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

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WINSTON CHURCHILL

$574.82 bn was India's forex reserve as of November 27, according to RBI data. This was a drop of $469 million over the previous week.

Rising forex could turn to be a bane for the currency

Experts say RBI has limits to being able to ward off rise in rupee value

JAYANTA ROY CHOWDHURY
@ New Delhi

IN a bid to keep the rupee value stable and encourage India's flagging exports, the Centre has been encouraging the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to continue with its policy of buying dollars aggressively.

"We are supportive of RBI's stance to buy dollars. This helps keep the rupee value stable and not push it up, given the huge forex inflows into India. A rise in rupee value would obviously hit our exports adversely," said top finance ministry officials. The RBI, of course, did not pick the intervention route to help exporters, but its aim was to sanitise the huge foreign exchange flows.

The RBI has had a problem of plenty since the pandemic played out — its forex reserves has swelled to nearly $ 575 billion, compared to a tad over $474 billion at the start of the financial year. Most of the money India has added to its forex reserves has come in the form of short term flows into its equities market or as debt for its corporates and not from excess of export income over imports. Foreign firms buying Indian equities have spent over $ 40 billion in the last 8 months pushing up the Sensex to new heights. After slipping to below 26,000 in March, the BSE stock market index has risen to way above the 45,000 mark. Debt inflows have also been robust with corporates searching for low cost loans to replace the costlier Indian debt they have borrowed abroad liberally.

Any central bank would follow such a policy. However, there are limits to being able to stave off a rise in the value of your currency by buying other hard currencies

Sanjay Bhattarayya, former MD, SBI

Consequently, the central bank has been quietly buying dollars which has helped the rupee value remain stable. The Indian currency to the dollar is around ₹73.80 now, compared to ₹75.42 on March-end, this year. "Any central bank would follow such a policy. However, there are limits to being able to stave off a rise in the value of your currency by buying other hard currencies. At some stage the market can gain the power to beat off such interventions," said Sanjay Bhattarayya, former managing director of SBI. Some $10 trillion plus of new money have been issued by G20 central banks to tide over the Covid crisis. This could swirl through the global money market and eventually head towards emerging market economies which offer better returns compared to Western banks.

"If more short term funds flowed into India, we would have trouble. The rupee could strengthen making us more uncompetitive compared to peers," admitted North bloc officials.

NEWSCOPE

THE GRAPES OF WRATH SPILL OVER ON DELHI'S BARRICADES

GURBIR SINGH

THERE'S a strange anti-democratic current in the ruling establishment. Anyone who is volubly critical of the government's policies is dubbed an 'anti-national'; or worse, a Khalistani 'terrorist' or Maoist! This time-worn practice seems to have extended itself to the ongoing farmers' agitation.

First it was BJP's Haryana chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar who claimed the farmer's ranks had been penetrated by Khalistanis. No evidence was provided. This was followed by Amit Malviya - he heads the BJP's information technology (IT) cell - claiming that the farmers' protests had Khalistani and Maoist links. Again, no evidence was produced.

Preparing for a long haul

In this case the smear campaign is not sticking. The farmers, who have laid siege to the national capital, have broad support and they are non-partisan in their politics. Their demands, ever since the Union government legislated a set of 3 laws overriding the mandis (or the markets administered by the Agricultural Produce Markets Committee), are specific - repeal the laws and allow the Mandi system with its minimum support price (MSP) to work unhindered.

There is nothing 'seditious' in these demands. It's all about how farmers market their produce, and how they can get the best deal. Opposition parties across the board support them; so do units of the BJP and the RSS like the Swadeshi Jagran Manch and the Bhartiya Kisan Sangh.

It started with a rail-roko campaign in Punjab; but now the protest has broadened to include farmers in UP, Uttarakhand and other northern states. They have a wide array of support - taxi unions, road transporters who have threatened to ground trucks from 8 December, agricultural workers unions and even teachers. These are people who trace their roots to rural 'Bharat', and are emotionally bound up with the long-term future of farmers. There is obvious depth in the movement as it cuts across caste and class. It cannot be dismissed as a fringe protest as was the anti-CAA agitation!

The Delhi blockade has all the indicators of a long-haul plan.

Tractor trolleys are carrying 3 months of rations. Open 'langars' can be seen everywhere. "We have sown our winter crops, and the families will look after them back home. It's a long time to the rabi harvest, so we have the time to dig in here," protestors told reporters at the Singhu border.

For urban minds, it is difficult to understand the wrath of the farmers. The new farm laws enacted in September remove the 'restrictions' of the APMC or mandi system, and allow buyers and farmers to approach each other directly. It's a link to bulk purchasers like Reliance Retail, Walmart and Adani - with the possibility of better and long-term deals. Surely, this is better than being eternally paid below the market by wily middlemen!

Understanding the anger

No, say the farmers. They believe the 'mandi' system works better. For one, no farmer has to worry about logistics of transportation as the 'mandi' or market yard is never more than 3-5 kilometers away. Second, once the big bulk buyers enter, they will monopolize the market. It will be a corporate takeover of rural India with big companies forcing mortgage and control of agricultural land. Now, in periods of overproduction, the minimum support price (MSP) system kicks in. The government has assured this won't be dismantled, but nobody is willing to guarantee that in writing.

Curiously, in the absence of credit through an easy-access banking system, the middleman has come to pay a pivotal role in the rural economy, and the farmers don't want it dismantled. The middleman is the lifeline to quick credit at the time of buying seed and fertilizer at the time of sowing; he is also the go-to person when money is needed for a marriage in the family. All this without red tape and loads of documents that banks demand!

The government does not seem to have learnt its lesson from the Bihar experiment, where the APMC system was abolished in 2006. A National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER) paper of last year showed that the state saw increased volatility in grain prices post 2006. Farmers were left to unscrupulous traders who pushed down prices; and the doing away of government monitored warehouses forced farmers to pay heavy for stocking grain in private facilities. It is indeed ironic that armies of impoverished rural folk from Bihar made their way to Punjab and Haryana to work as agricultural labour on farmsteads in these states.

At the barricades at the Delhi border, the mood is sombre. The two rounds of talks have not yielded much. The government is willing to consider a parallel system where the old mandis coexist with the new private grain trade. It has offered to amend the 3 farm laws to allow taxing of private trade outside the mandi system at the same level and permit courts to adjudicate disputes in contract farming.

On the farmers side, nothing save the repealing of the 3 farm laws is acceptable. In short, there seems to be a hardening of positions and a prolonged dispute that could turn violent.

TAPAS RANJAN

GST SHORTFALL

Jharkhand finally agrees to Centre's borrowing plan

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Centre has successfully managed to bring all the states on board over the GST row, with Jharkhand also agreeing to opt for the special borrowing window to meet shortfall in GST compensation.

"Jharkhand, the only remaining State, has now communicated its acceptance of Option-1. All the 3 Union Territories with Legislative Assembly who are members of the GST council have already decided in favour of Option-1," the finance ministry said in a statement issued on Saturday.

With this, now Jharkhand will also receive funds raised through the window from the next round of borrowing, which is scheduled on December 7. The Centre will borrow ₹6,000 crore for all states and three union territories (UTs). The states who opted for the special window will also be allowed to borrow 0.5 per cent of their respective gross states domestic product (GSDP) from the markets. As a part of this scheme, Jharkhand has been allowed to borrow an additional amount of ₹1,765 crore.

In August, the Centre had said that GST revenue shortfall is ₹2.35 crore for this year, out of which ₹97,000 crore, which was later enhanced to ₹1.1 lakh crore is because of the GST implementation and the rest was due to Covid-19. The Centre gave states two options — to borrow either ₹1.1 lakh crore from a special window facilitated by the RBI or the full ₹2.35 lakh crore from the market. Many states, mostly the opposition-ruled, had initially opposed the move. So far, no state had opted for the second option, which was to borrow the whole GST shortfall from the open market. The Centre has borrowed ₹30,000 crore so far on behalf of the states and UTs in five instalments.

Goldman Sachs sees oil hit $65 in 2021

Goldman Sachs expects Brent crude to reach $65 a barrel next year following the release of an effective Covid-19 vaccine and a limited increase in supply from OPEC+. After the decision of major producers also agreeing on a compromise to continue some cuts to crude oil production, the global investment bank said that, "OPEC+ clearing the hurdle of exiting its current cuts in a coordinated way ... reinforces our conviction in a steady and sustainable rally in oil prices through 2021." OPEC+ was expected to continue existing cuts until at least March.

Crude prices may jump after OPEC+ chooses milder output hikes

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

FRIDAY's decision by the OPEC+ oil cartel to implement milder-than-expected output hikes beginning January is likely to result in upward pressure on Indian fuel prices.

The massive increases in central and state taxes over the summer, coupled with the recovery in global crude oil prices, have already pushed domestic petrol and diesel prices to record levels. On Saturday, petrol prices breached the ₹83 per litre mark in the national capital for the first time in two years, while diesel was being sold at ₹73.32 per litre. Over the past fortnight, crude oil rates have risen 11 per cent due to the rise in demand projections triggered by the emergence of promising Covid-19 vaccine candidates. The result has been that domestic fuel rates have been hiked 13 times over the same period. OPEC+'s decision is expected to strengthen the upward trajectory of oil prices.

The 16-member nations of the Saudi Arabia-led OPEC cartel met with representatives of the larger OPEC+ alliance, including Russia, to hammer out an agreement to replace the large-scale output cut deal agreed to this summer-one that will lapse come January. Heading into the meeting, the alliance was divided on whether to extend the output cuts put in place to mitigate the demand destruction caused by the pandemic.

Some, according to industry observers, had preferred the output cut to lapse, since this would enable an increase in production and, eventually, tax revenues. Others were worried such a move would lead to another collapse in crude oil prices.

On Friday, the alliance announced a compromise. The output cuts would be extended, but the curbs on production would be eased as well. Instead of the expected increase of two million barrels per day, the alliance has only agreed to incrementally increase production by a monthly 500,000 barrels per day. The cartel also agreed to meet early next year to assess the health of the market and take any further decisions.

With global oil demand steadily rising, the 500,000 barrels per day monthly incremental increase starting January is unlikely to keep crude prices at current levels. Brent crude prices were already teasing the $50 per barrel mark on Friday, levels not seen since March 2020.

US courts scrap Trump's stringent H-1B visa rules

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

THE US Courts have set aside the immigration and H-1B visa rules proposed earlier by the Trump administration, a move that could once again enable entry of Indian professionals aspiring to take up employment in the US. On Friday, a US district Court ordered a full-reinstatement of an earlier programme that protects undocumented immigrants (Indians being a major constituents) from deportation.

A 2017 Donald Trump's Executive order had sought to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), which was struck down by the US Supreme Court in June.

A US Federal Judge has now directed the Department of Homeland Security to start accepting applications for fresh renewals as well as to extend the time of relaxation, which is currently two years. Under the DACA law, the immigrants who were brought into the US as children are offered a two years period for deferring deportation or obtaining a work-permit in the US. Nearly 6.5 lakh Indians are currently the beneficiaries of this programme. The US lobby, trade groups and lawmakers defending the rights of immigrants have argued that deportation of the young people from the country will have a devastating impact on the country's economy since a sizeable number of these immigrants now constitutes the workforce in the US.

Earlier, another US District Court of North California overthrew two rules proposed by Donald Trump which sought to block hiring of H-1B visa holders by firms. The new rules which were introduced sought to increase the wages of H-1B recruits at par with the US hires, which meant a hike of 40-50 per cent. "We welcome the court decisions that recognize the importance of the high skill visa programs to the US; and that the Interim Final Rule issued previously did not hold legal statute. This will help U.S. businesses access talent critical to the economic recovery phase in the post-COVID world," said Nasscom.

EXPRESS READ

MAP Coffee Business to be sold to Buccheri

New Delhi: Earth Rules, a step-down Australian subsidiary of Tata Consumer Products, has entered into an agreement to sell MAP Coffee business to Australia-based Buccheri Group. Earth Rules will receive a total consideration of AUD 1.25 million (₹6.74 crore) in tranches by February 28, 2021.

Business & Beyond

Bank of Baroda unveils scheme for women

Public sector Bank of Baroda has launched an exclusive scheme — Atmanirbhar Women Scheme. The scheme features gold loans at a very low interest rate to women. This is exclusively meant for helping women to be self-reliant. The scheme was unveiled by MD & CEO Sanjiv Chadha along with Vikramadithya Singh Khichi, executive director, from corporate office, Mumbai and Mini T M, zonal head of Bengaluru zone, among others.

SBI donates ₹10 cr to Armed Forces' Fund

To support and enable our armed forces and their families, the country's largest bank has stepped forward to donate to the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund. State Bank of India (SBI) in its continuous effort to fulfill banks philanthropic responsibilities has decided to donate ₹10 crore towards welfare of dependent girl children of war veterans/ ex-servicemen/war widows. The Armed Forces Flag Day was celebrated on December 7.

Indian Bank observes World Disability Day

Indian Bank organised various CSR activities to support differently-abled persons on International Day of Persons with Disabilities, which is observed on December 3 to promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity, rights and well-being of persons with disabilities. Its FGM Office, Bhubaneswar distributed blankets to differently-abled people at Swami Vivekananda National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research, Olatpur, Cuttack.

LIC's online policy sales rise 128%: MD Raj Kumar

Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has posted a 128 per cent growth year-on-year in online sales of insurance policies during the ongoing financial year up to October, and settled maturity claims and survival benefits worth more than ₹57,000 crore, said Managing Director Raj Kumar. He added that the insurer has been resilient during COVID-19 times in reaching out to people.

AIRLINES

Operations increase, but financial woes deepen

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA's aviation industry has finally started showing signs of recovery as most of the players are reporting increased operations and expects their traffic to return to pre-covid level by early next year.

"Despite challenges & restrictions from time to time, the number of domestic passengers grows steadily towards pre-COVID figures," Aviation minister HS Puri Tweeted Saturday. According to Puri, about 2.3 lakh passengers flew on 2,025 flights while total flight movements was 4,048 on December 4. Domestic operations had resumed with just 30,000 passengers on May 25 with regulated capacity of not more than 33 per cent.

The country's India's largest carrier IndiGo recently said they have reached 70 per cent of their pre-Covid capacity and are operating a total of 1,000 international and domestic flights daily.

IndiGo CEO Ronojoy Dutta in a mail to employees had said that it looks like they are on a path to a graduated and measured recovery, and they are hopeful that the government would allow them to fly 100 per cent of domestic capacity by early next year.

Despite the optimism, however, the sector continues to reel under huge financial woes. There is also a possibility that the recovery seen in recent times may fizzle out.

Ratings firm ICRA estimates the industry to report a significant net loss of ₹21,000 crore in FY2021, with the industry debt level increasing to ₹50,000 crore (excluding lease liabilities) over FY2021-22.

Napoli rename stadium in honour of Maradona

Italian club Napoli renamed its stadium in honour of former captain Diego Maradona. The Naples city council unanimously approved the change of name from Stadio San Paolo to Stadio Diego Armando Maradona. "Napoli is delighted about today's decision," the club said in a brief online statement.

Power shortage after powerplay

Time for India to address inability to maintain flow of boundaries in middle overs in T20s as they build for WC

VENKATA KRISHNA B @ Chennai

THERE is nothing more confusing than the middle-order muddle that India often find themselves in, in limited-over games. After years of playing merry-go-ground which included two World Cups, they finally appear to have sorted out the middle-order combination in ODIs. As they are close to settling that, they have another one to solve in the T20s.

It is a format where teams prefer an X-factor in the middle overs, one who can hit boundaries consistently when there are five fielders in the boundaries. India, who have Virat Kohli at No 3, have flirted with Shreyas Iyer, Manish Pandey and Sanju Samson this year.

But India's issue remains No 5, where one of Shreyas and Manish comes in. They have made it to the squad based on their performances for their domestic teams and IPL franchises, but both bat at least one position too low. At Delhi Capitals and Sunrisers Hyderabad, Iyer and Pandey come in at 3 and 4, respectively, and play sort of an anchor's role, for which India already have Kohli.

Even their top 3, who usually drop anchor after the powerplay, rarely go after the bowling in the middle overs. While they make up for it at the death, runs lost in the middle overs often result in below-par totals. "Along with partnerships, I think the tempo should never come down in T20s," said Wasim Jaffer, batting coach at Kings XI Punjab. "The strike rate should keep increasing as you play. If you play 10 balls, it is understandable you take time. But as you play more, it should keep going up and that is how you increase the tempo."

This is why India might have missed a trick by not taking Suryakumar Yadav to Australia. Between him, Iyer and Pandey, Yadav's strike rate of 134.57 is at least eight more than the two. There is a perception that India don't hit that many sixes. And though they lead the chart for most sixes hit by teams since the 2016 WT20 with 384, those have come in 60 matches. West Indies are second with 366 in 49. And of India's 384, Rohit Sharma alone has 81 — highest for any batsman in this period. KL Rahul is the other Indian in the top 10. Kohli is 12th and the other Indian in top 50 is Shikhar Dhawan.

Sanju's six-hitting is expected to solve this, but having someone like Yadav will probably go a long way in making this team a genuine title contender at next year's T20 World Cup. Statistics show that after a lull in the middle, India accelerate between overs 16-20. Their run rate of 11.69 in 11 matches in those overs is the best for any team in the last 12 months, even better then England, the top-ranked T20 side. With Hardik Pandya and Ravindra Jadeja playing the finishers' role to perfection, the presence of a player like Yadav would only give them more freedom.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

CHANCE TO CLINCH SERIES

Combinations, replacements and a chance for India to win another T20 series. Here's a look at talking points ahead of the second T20I against Australia in Sydney...

JADEJA REPLACEMENT

With Ravindra Jadeja sidelined, India could decide to opt for a bowler in Yuzvendra Chahal. The hosts struggled for any sort of timing against the leg-spinner and Kohli & Co could be tempted to name him from the start.

COMBINATION KEY

Could Mohammed Shami now make way for Jasprit Bumrah? Will India actually play six frontline batsmen and five varying No 11s? Will Shardul Thakur get a game to shorten the tail?

AUSTRALIA'S INJURY WARD

With Aaron Finch now waiting on a scan after picking up a possible hip injury, it's likely the team they will cobble could be mix and match. With Nathan Lyon receiving a call-up, he may well be drafted in at Mitchell Swepson's expense. If Finch doesn't recover, Matthew Wade will not only open but also captain.

LIVE ON SONY PICTURES NETWORKS FROM 1.40 PM IST

Patiala cold moves lifters to Mumbai

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

WITH northern India beginning to reel under cold, Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWLF) has decided to shift its national camp from NIS Patiala to Mumbai. Mirabai Chanu and Sathish Sivalingam, who are in the USA on a rehabilitation-cum-training programme, will return to the country on December 17 and join the camp at Mumbai's Mahalaxmi Sports Ground with other weightlifters presently training in Patiala. The duration of the camp will be two months.

"Head coach Vijay Sharma requested the federation to shift the camp due to the prevalent cold weather in Patiala. His request has been accepted," Sahdev Yadav, IWLF secretary-general, told this daily. "Mira has sorted out the biomechanical issues she was facing. Sathish, too, had some issues including back and knee. They are fine now, will return on December 17. We are expecting the camp to begin on December 20," he said.

It is learnt that the coach suggested Mumbai or Chennai. The federation decided to go with former. Mumbai is among the worst-affected cities due to Covid-19 in India, but has been reporting less than 1000 cases for last six days. "The venue in Mumbai is good for training , has all facilities. Obviously, those in camp will not be allowed to move out. They have to follow SAI's as well as guidelines issued by the state government. We are hopeful, the camp will be organised successfully," said Yadav.

ISL doesn't groom local talent: Venkatesh

TANMAY DAS @ Bhubaneswar

AWAY from the spotlight and sans big names, there are big dreams in the I-League nonetheless. Indian Arrows stand out in this mix, for they are the federation's developmental team, consisting of youngsters and no foreigners. Coach Shanmugam Venkatesh is getting the boys back in shape. Excerpts from an interview:

How is to be back with the boys who had been away from the pitch for so long?
When they restarted after almost eight months, some were in shape and some not. There is a chance of injuries when they face top teams. Being the coach, my priority is keeping an eye on every player and prevent them from getting injured.

What kind of style can we expect from the Arrows?
Playing fearless football is important for young teams. It's the beginning of a long journey. I will teach them how to play comfortable football. In the last edition of I-league, the team finished bottom. But I am satisfied because many players were signed up by different clubs and some played in the national team.

How does ISL help groom local talent?
These clubs don't help development of local talent. ISL is more of entertainment than growing local players. As a former national captain, I feel state leagues are vital for development of local talent. A strong state league will help selectors find players. State associations must make local leagues strong so that ISL teams from their state take part.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

TEST COUNTDOWN BEGINS

- India's Test specialists start a three-day practice game against Australia A in Sydney's Drummoyne Oval on Sunday.
- The visiting team will be called India A. This is the first of two practice games before the Test series starting on December 17.
- Seven of India's Test squad members are in the T20 squad. This leaves 11 available for India A — Prithvi Shaw, Cheteshwar Pujara, Ajinkya Rahane, Hanuma Vihari, Shubman Gill, Wriddhiman Saha, Rishabh Pant, Umesh Yadav, Kuldeep Yadav, R Ashwin, Md Siraj.
- There is a chance that Mayank Agarwal, who is in all three squads, will open for India A. He didn't play in the first T20 and is tipped to face the new ball in the first Test.
- With just two fast bowlers — Umesh & Siraj — at their disposal, the India A team management may field net bowler Kartik Tyagi in this match, unless Md Shami is released from the T20 squad. He was part of the XI in the first T20.
- Australia A are led by Travis Head. The 13-member squad includes Test captain Tim Paine, Joe Burns and James Pattinson, other than Will Pucovski, who is tipped to open in the first Test.

EXPRESS READ

New league for handball from December 24

CHENNAI: The Indian handball scene is set to get the league treatment as the Handball Federation of India is all set to start a new league, the Premier Handball League (PHL). It is slated to run from December 24 to January 10 in Jaipur.

SA players clear tests, series begins today

JOHANNESBURG: The South African team on Saturday returned negative for Covid-19, paving the way for the start of the ODI series against England on Sunday.

NZ push for 1st Test win delayed by Windies pair

HAMILTON: New Zealand's push for innings win over the West Indies in the first Test was stalled on Day 3 by Jermaine Blackwood and Alzarri Joseph.

Brief scores: NZ 519/7 decl vs WI 138 & 196/6 (Blackwood 80 n.o, Joseph 59 n.o).

Action from the Manchestar City vs Fulham EPL match. City won 2-0 | AFP

Ministry to reimburse custom duty on medals

NEW DELHI: The custom duty paid by Srinath Narayanan for possession of the gold medals won by the Indian chess team at the Online Olympiad, will be repaid in full by the sports ministry. Srinath was assured of this by the sports minister in a tweet on Saturday.

NE United hand East Bengal third defeat

CHENNAI: NorthEast United beat SC East Bengal 2-0 in Saturday's ISL match. It was East Bengal's third defeat. They are still to score. NorthEast are second on the table with eight points.

Government of Karnataka
(Infrastructure Development, Ports & Inland Water Transport Department)
Directorate of Ports & IWT, Baithkhol, Karwar - 581 302
No.PIWT-24/WKS-II/2020 Date: 20.11.2020

TENDER NOTICE (Only in E-Procurement) (TWO COVER SYSTEM)

Tender is invited by the undersigned in E-Procurement Portal to execute below mentioned work as per the details given below. To participae in this tender and to obtain more information, please visit the website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in (Work Estimate Number KPWD/ 2020-21/OW/WORK_INDENT132791)**

Name of work: (1) Maintenance Dredging in Front of Wharf, Turning Circle, Inner & Outer Approach Channel at Karwar Port in Uttara Kannada District. Amount put to Tender: **Rs. 327684481.14** EMD: **Rs. 32.77 Lakhs** (Rs.1.00 Lakhs in e-Payment+ Rs. 31.77 Lakhs as mentioned in bid document).

Last date for quarries: 11.12.2020 @ 17.30 hours. Last Date for receipt of Tender: 14.12.2020 @ 16.00 hours.

For further details and general enquiries, prospective bidders may contact the undersigned office phone No.: 08382 221035 during working hours, before last date of quarries. **Sd/- Port Engineer,**

DIPR/ADK/MCA/496/20-21 dt. 5.12.20 **Department of Ports & IWT, Karwar**

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TNCSC invites online electronic tender "For the construction of Buildings and Supply, Erection, Commissioning and Testing of Husk Fired Bubbling Bed Boiler of 4 MT/Hr., Parboiling and Drying Unit Machineries of 100 MT/ Day Capacity, Rice Mill Unit Machineries of 5 MT/Hr. Capacity, Automatic Rice Weighing, Bagging and Stitching Machine, 315 KVA Transformer on Turnkey Basis for establishment of Modern Rice Mill with hulling capacity of 30000 MT per Annum at Tholuvur Village, Valangaiman Taluk, Thiruvarur District".

Complete e-Tender document can be viewed and downloaded through https://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/tncsc and also available in www.tenders.tn.gov.in

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Karnataka Veterinary, Animal & Fisheries Sciences University, Bidar

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No. R/TPC/KVAFSU/eProc-55/2020-21/775A Dt.: 28.11.2020

KVAFSU Bidar invites bids through e-procurement in 2 covers system for Supply of **Instruments / Equipments** for IAH & VB of KVAFSU, Bidar from Tenderers registered in e-procurement cell of Government of Karnataka. Total cost of the tendered amount is **Rs. 111.50 Lakhs**. The detailed notification of tender can be obtained by logging on to website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **07.12.2020**. The last date for uploading tender documents is **06.01.2021** up to **5:00 PM**. Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned. **Sd/-**

Dr. M.K. Tandle, Coordinator, TPC,
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Any person/s having or claiming any manner of right, title, lien and interest in respect of the Schedule property except, Can Fin Homes Ltd., may intimate the same in writing to the undersigned with documentary evidence in support thereof within **15 (Fifteen) days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the claims of all such person/s shall be deemed to have been waived or abandoned and my client will proceed with the conveyance as if no valid claims are subsisting against the Schedule property.

SCHEDULE

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Pulikeshinagar Division, BBMP Office Building, Robertson Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore.

No: EE/PN/TEND /07/2020-21 Date :04-12-2020

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Pulikeshinagar Division invites the item rate tenders on behalf of The Commissioner, BBMP from eligible contractors for the construction works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Ward No.	Est. Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)	No. of Works
For General Category Works :				
1	48	5.00 to 20.00	20,000 to 30,000	5
2	32	10.00 to40.00	25,000 to 80,000	4
3	31	5.00 to 20.00	12,500 to 50,000	3
For SC Category Works				
4	48	5.00 to 45.00	6,250 to 56,250	4
5	31	15.00	18,750	1
6	32	20.00 & 30.00	25,000 & 37,500	2
For ST Category Works				
7	48	7.50 & 10.00	9375 & 12,500	2
8	31	10.00	12,500	1
			Total Works	22

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from GOK e-Procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **05.12.2020 onwards 2)** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal : **14.12.2020 upto 16.00 Hrs. 3)** Date of opening of tenders: **16.12.2020 at 16.30 Hrs.** if possible. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours & also from website: **www.eproc. karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Pulikeshianagar Division

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-V/s- RESPONDENT: The Thasildar (Registrar of Births and Deaths) Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru - 560 009.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

Whereas the petitioner above named has presented petition to this Hon'ble Court under section 13(3) of Registrar of Birth and Deaths Act 1969 for order direct the respondent authority to get enter the date of **petitioner's father** by name **Muddarangaiah @ Duglaiah** was died on 17.07.1989 at Kithamahalli (Kallegowdanapalya) Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Urban District. The Hon'ble Court has fixed **on 18/12/2020** for hearing of the petition and that if any person/s desire to oppose the said petition or claim or interest shall appear before the Hon'ble Court in person or by pleader duly instructed at 11 a.m. Failing which the said application will be heard and determined as exparte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court on this the 1.12.2020.

By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge (Junior Division) and JMFC, Nelamangala.

Advocate for Petitioner : **Sri. Pradeep M.,** Advocate Adepete, Hippe Anjaneya Layout, Nelamangala Town, Nelamangala - 562 123.

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE II ACMM, CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU
C. MISC. No. 3848 OF 2020

BETWEEN: Y. THULAJAPPA, S/o Late Yamunappa, aged about 74 years, R/at #628,11th B Cross, 80 Feet Road, 2nd Phase, Girinagara, Bangalore South, Banashankari, 3rd Stage, Bengaluru. ... **PETITIONER**

AND: The Registrar/Commissioner, Births and Deaths Department, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, BENGALURU ... **RESPONDENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the petitioner has filed petition for obtaining an order seeking direction to above said respondent authority to enter the Death of the petitioners mother named as **Late Guravva,** who expired on 24/01/2013 at No. 628,11th B Cross, 80 Feet Road, 2nd Phase, Girinagara, Bangalore South, Banashankari, 3rd stage, Bengaluru in the residence of the Petitioner and accordingly obtain death certificate from the respondent.

If any person interested to file their objection in this matter, may appear at 11:00 am on **14-12-2020** to which date the case is posted for hearing, before the Hon'ble II ACMM, Bengaluru from next date of hearing.

Given under my hand and of the Court on 04-12-2020.

By order of the court, Sheristedar, Court of the II ACMM, Bengaluru.

Advocate for Petitioner: **BHANU .H.M** No.7/1, 1st Cross, 4th Main, Chamrajpet, Bangalore-560018.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(Construction Organisation)
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT PROJECT (RAILWAYS)/CHENNAI
Tirumailai Station Building, Mylapore, Chennai-600 004
e-TENDER NOTICE
No.MTMYMTP-Civil-Dy.CE-02-20
DATED 02.12.2020

For and on behalf of President of India, Dy.Chief Engineer, Tirumailai Station Building, Mylapore, Chennai-600004, invites e-tender for the following work as per Notice inviting Tender (NIT) in our portal **www.ireps.gov.in** The tenderers/ Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted. The cost of the tender form and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) should be made through online payment gateway available in the website by the way of multiple bank's net-banking, debit card and credit card.

Name of work: Miscellaneous works in 3rd & 4th lines between MSB-KOK stations for maintenance of assets.

Approximate Cash value : ₹ **4609223.60**
Earnest Money Deposit : ₹ **92200.00**
Tender closing Date & Time 11.30 Hrs. : **28.12.2020**
Period of completion in month(s): 9 Months

For further details, please refer to website portal **www.ireps.gov.in** or contact office of the Dy.Chief Engineer, Tirumailai Station Building, Mylapore, Chennai-600 004.

Dy. Chief Engineer/ MTP(Rly)/MTMY

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform general public that, our client intends to purchase vacant site No.10 **Measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 60 feet, total area 2,400 situated at** Kodigehalli, Villages, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk now Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore–560 092 herein after referred to as **schedule property** from its **owner SRI. PUNEETH V. KADIWAL S/o. Sri. Vishalaxa Kadiwal, R/at No. 34, 1st Cross, R M S Layout, Sanjaynagar,** Bengaluru-560 094.

My client is intended to purchase the schedule property from the above party, therefore if any person/s or interested have any valid and legal claim or interest in the schedule property, they are hereby called upon to file their objections in writing annexing documents for their claim/interest with the under signed within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice.

If valid legal objection/s are not filed by any person/s or intuitions, our client will proceed to complete the sale proceeds to purchase the schedule property from the above said owner deeming that, apart from the owner no other person or institution have no any claim over the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of the property vacant site No.10 Measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 60 feet, total area 2,400 Sq. ft. having previous Katha No. 902, present BBMP Katha No.2942/902/10, Formed out in Sy. No. 206 situated at Kodigehalli, Villages, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk then now Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore–560 092, bounded as follows:

EAST BY : Property No.11,
WEST BY : Private Property,
NORTH BY : Property No. 28,
SOUTH BY : 30 Feet Road.

Please contact for information:
T. Nagabhushana, Advocate
No. 17/2, 1st Floor, Next to Sterling Park Apartment, Sahakaranagar, Bangalore-92. Cell: No. 944 866 7821

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby notified that, my client **Sri. Ashwin. J** S/o. **B.M. Jagannath,** aged about 36 years, residing at Flat G-1204, Orchid Woods, Hennur Main Road, Near Gubbi Cross, Kothnur, Kothnur Post, Bengaluru-560077 has intend to purchase the Schedule Property from **Sri. V.B. Shivaji** S/o **late Venkatarao** and **his Children** R/at No.10AM-227-HRBR 1st Block Extension, HRBR Layout, Bengaluru-560043, who represent that, they are the absolute owners in possession of the Schedule Property. Any person/s having any valid tenantable claim, right, title or interest over the same are hereby notified to lodge their claim with the undersigned within **15 days** from the date of this Publication with documentary proof, failing which, the same shall be proceeded though none have any manner of right, title, interest over the schedule property. Any objections received after 15 days will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing **BDA Site No.10AM-227, PID No.88-250-10AM-227** situated at **10th A Main Road, 1st Block Extension, HRBR Layout, Bengaluru-560 043** and measuring **East to West 9.15 meters** and **North to South 12.20 Meters, total Area 111.63sq.mtrs** and consisting of ground and first floor R.C.C. Roofed residential building and bounded on:- East by: 10th A Main Road, West by: Site No.10 M-238 & 240, North by:Site No.10AM-229, South by: Site No.10AM-225.

M. RAMACHANDRAPPA, Advocate, No.73/1, 27th Cross, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bengaluru-560 002.
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202133 000502	Tranportation of Cement from TNPL Cement factory at Kagithapuram to various destinations throughout Tamil Nadu and few destinations in other States.	28.12.2020
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Detailed Terms & conditions, Qty., Tender Fee, EMD are available in Tender document at our websites: **www.tnpl.com/ www.tenders.tn.gov.in**

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL(Call-3)

The Managing Director, SSCL Shivamogga invites bids for the **"Engagement of Agency for Installation and Operation of Public Bicycle Sharing System".** The selected bidder's scope of work is procurement, supply, Installation, commissioning within a period of 8 months and operations & maintenance for a period of 5 years and further extendable for 2 more years on mutual understanding

Eligibility of Applicants/Bidders: As per RFP Document

1. As per RFP Document

1. Interested bidders may submit their RFP and requisite EMD of Rs. 6,65,000/- through e-procurement portal ,Govt of Karnataka.

Calendar of Events

a. Blank Tender documents can be downloaded from :**05.12.2020 @ 4.30 P.M, b.** Last date for Tender Queries: **11.12.2020 Upto 4.00 PM, c.** Pre bid meeting: **14.12.2020 @ 11.30 AM @** Shivamogga Smart City Limited, Shivamogga, **d.** Last Date for uploading the Filled Tender Document is:**05.01.2021 upto 4.30 P.M, e.** Date of Opening of Technical bid is on :**07.01.2021 @ 04.30 P.M, f.** Date of Opening of Financial bid is on :**16.01.2021 @ 4.30 P.M** (Subject to approval of Technical bid), For details, registration and e-payment visit GOK e-procurement website. **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact e-procurement Helpdesk at **080-25501216/080-25501227,** For more information contact during office hours.

DIPR/SMG/No.12 11/zenkar/2020-21 **Sd/- Managing Director Shivamogga Smart City Limited,**

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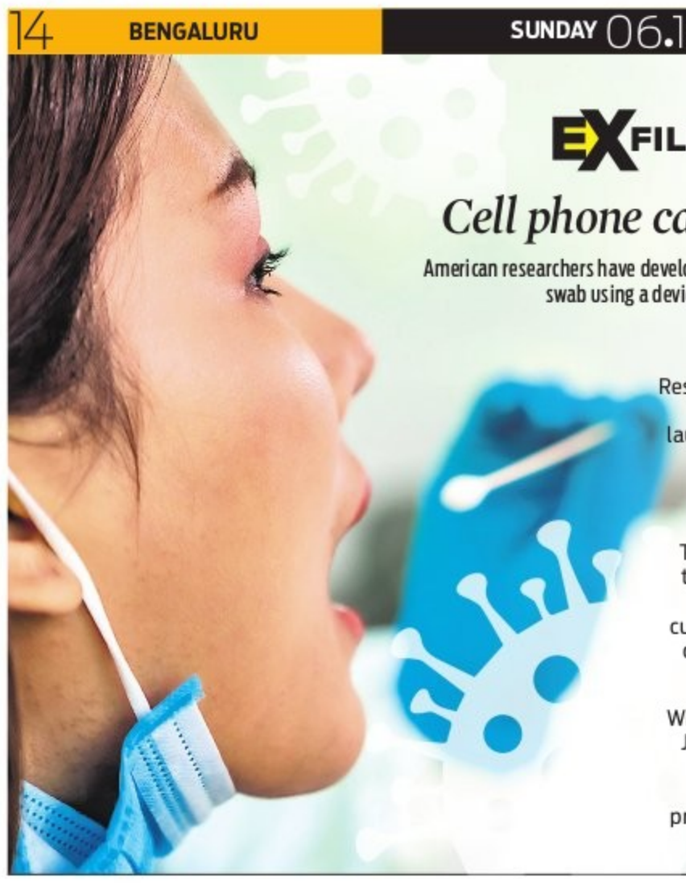
Our study shows that we can do the detection part of this assay very quickly, making the measurement with mass-produced consumer electronics...We don't need fancy laboratory equipment

Daniel Fletcher, University of California, Berkeley

FURTHER RESEARCH

Although more research is needed before such a test can be rolled out. The results are promising and ultimately may be applicable to screening more broadly for other viruses



EXFILE • MEDICAL INNOVATION

Cell phone camera to detect coronavirus

American researchers have developed an assay that can detect the presence of SARS-CoV-2 in a nasal swab using a device attached to an ordinary smartphone. We take a look

NOBEL COLLABORATION

Researchers of the study began collaborating with Nobel laureate Jennifer Doudna, who is a co-author on the study, about two years ago on a rapid, at-home test for HIV

They were looking to address the need for frequent testing that has arisen because of current drug trials that require close monitoring of patients' viral loads

When Covid-19 hit the world in January, they quickly pivoted their research to develop a test that would detect the presence of a different virus — SARS-CoV-2

CRISPR-CAS TEST

- The current test detailed in the journal *Cell*, makes use of CRISPR-Cas technology
- Specifically, RNA in the sample can be detected with the Cas13 enzyme
- This eliminates the need for reverse transcription of the RNA into DNA

RESULTS IN 30 MINS

When Cas13 binds to the RNA from the virus, it cleaves any surrounding RNA sequences

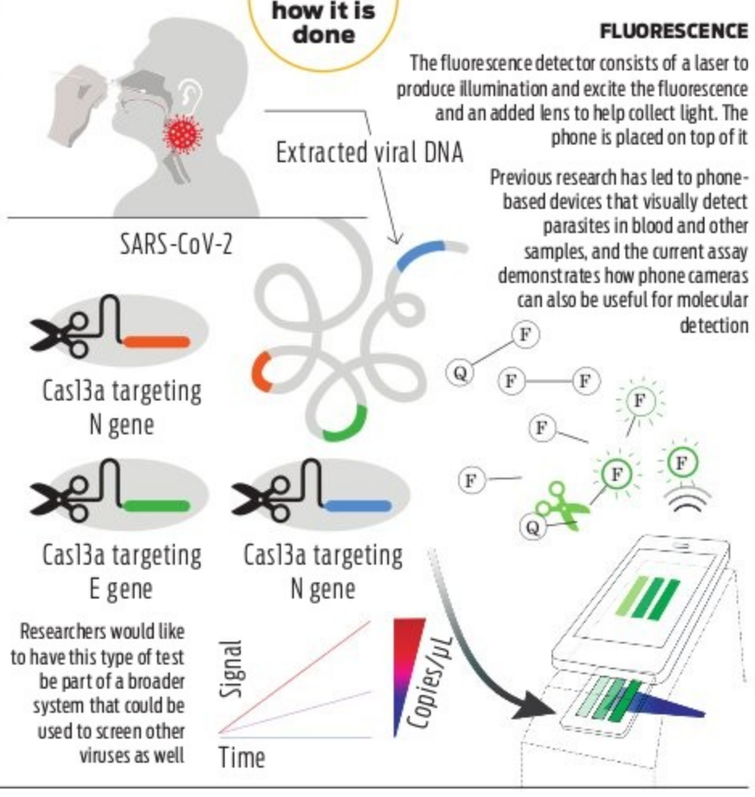
Researchers added an RNA-based probe to the reaction that gets cleaved and produces fluorescence that can be detected with the camera. The assay provides results within 30 minutes of detection time

MAKING IT SIMPLE

In the current study, which was primarily designed to be a test of the amplification-free CRISPR-Cas technology and the detector, the nasal swabs were spiked with SARS-CoV-2 RNA

The investigators are currently working on a solution that would induce a single-step reaction in which the RNA is released from the virus without the need for purification. As it doesn't require amplification, the assay is able to quantify the amount of virus in the sample

Process showing how it is done



Researchers would like to have this type of test be part of a broader system that could be used to screen other viruses as well

FLUORESCENCE

The fluorescence detector consists of a laser to produce illumination and excite the fluorescence and an added lens to help collect light. The phone is placed on top of it

Previous research has led to phone-based devices that visually detect parasites in blood and other samples, and the current assay demonstrates how phone cameras can also be useful for molecular detection

How airflow inside car affects Covid spread

Opening windows reduces concentration of airborne particles exchanged between a driver and a single passenger

RESEARCH

BOSTON: Using computer simulations, scientists have analysed the airflow patterns inside a car's passenger cabin, shedding light on the potential ways to reduce the risk of Covid-19 transmission while sharing rides with others.

The study, published in the journal *Science Advances*, assessed the airflow inside a compact car with various combinations of windows open or closed.

According to the researchers, including those from Brown University, in the US, the simulations showed that opening windows created airflow patterns that dramatically reduced the concentration of airborne aerosol particles exchanged between a driver and a single passenger.

However, they said blasting the car's ventilation system didn't circulate air nearly as well as a few open windows.

"Driving around with the windows up and the air conditioning or heat on is definitely the worst scenario, according to our computer simulations," said Asimanshu Das, co-lead author of the research from Brown University. "The best scenario we found was having all four windows open, but even having one or two open was far better than having them all closed," Das said.

While there's no way to eliminate risk completely, and current guidelines recommend postponing travel, the scientists said the goal of the study was simply to assess how changes in airflow inside a car may worsen or reduce risk of Covid-19 transmission.

In the research, the computer models simulated a car, loosely based on a Toyota Prius, with two people inside — a driver, and a passenger sitting in the back seat on the opposite side from the driver.

The scientists said they chose this seating arrangement since it maximised the physical distance between the two people.

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Asimanshu Das, Brown University

Since the novel coronavirus is thought to spread via tiny aerosol particles that can linger in the air for extended periods of time, the researchers simulated airflow around and inside a car moving at 50 miles per hour.

Part of the reason opening windows is better in terms of aerosol transmission is because it increases the number of air changes per hour (ACH) inside the car that reduces the overall concentration of aerosols.

The scientists showed that different combinations of open windows created different air currents inside the car that could either increase or decrease exposure to remaining aerosols. Since the occupants in the simulations were sitting on opposite sides of the cabin, they said very few particles ended up being transferred between the two.

According to the research, the driver was at slightly higher risk than the passenger since the average airflow in the car goes from back to front, but added that both occupants experience a dramatically lower transfer of particles.

However, they said the findings provide valuable new insights into air circulation patterns inside a car's passenger compartment.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Chinese quantum leap

TECHNOLOGY

Chinese scientists claim to have created the world's first light-based quantum computer, which can solve problems far faster than a classical supercomputer, an advance hailed by experts as a "major achievement" that provides a fundamentally different approach to designing such powerful machines, the official media reported on Saturday. Jiuzhang, the quantum computer, can reliably demonstrate "quantum computational advantage", a milestone in computing, *China Daily* quoted a study published in *Science*. Jiuzhang takes its name from an ancient Chinese mathematical text. It can perform an extremely esoteric calculation in 200 seconds. It is the second such milestone after Google declared its 53-qubit quantum computer had achieved such a breakthrough last year.

11 arrested for wildlife trade

WILDLIFE

Police on Friday arrested one of Brazil's top wildlife traffickers and rescued about 200 animals set for illegal sale, officials said. The Federal Police announced at a press conference that 14 arrest warrants had been issued and that 11 people had been arrested by midday. The suspects are accused of illegally selling the animals through social media. Some of the animals are endangered species captured in the Amazon rainforest, including macaws, toucans, monkeys and reptiles such as caimans. In addition to the offenses of animal trafficking and criminal conspiracy, the suspects are also accused of "endangering public health" because some of the species they handled are carriers of zoonoses, or diseases and infections that are transmissible from animals to humans.

Rodents destroyed rare desert plant at Nevada mine site

ENVIRONMENT

RENO: DNA evidence suggests rodents destroyed part of an area of an extremely rare desert wildflower being considered for endangered species protection at a contentious mine site in Nevada, the US Fish and Wildlife Service said on Friday.

James Calaway, executive director of the Australian mining company Ioneer that wants to dig for lithium about 320 kilometres southeast of Reno, said as much as half of the Tiehm's buckwheat population was lost in the unprecedented fall attack at the only place the plant is known to exist.

"There was a substantial percentage of the plants that were harmed," Calaway told reporters during a conference call Friday. He said an estimate of up to 50 per cent was reasonable.

Environmentalists who are suing to force a federal listing of the flower had asserted the destruction of the plants in August or September was human-caused.

The Center for Biological Diversity said on Friday that the new findings reinforce the need to declare the buckwheat endangered.

Ioneer opposes a listing under the Endangered Species Act and argues the only way to save the plant is through its propagation plan to transplant and grow more Tiehm's buckwheat at the site with some of the largest untapped lithium deposits in the world.

The species is found on just 10 acres of land spread across 5 square kilometres in the remote Silver Peak Range of Esmerelda County.

The Fish and Wildlife Service on Friday said the environmental DNA analysis of damaged buckwheat roots, nearby soils and rodent scat conducted by a scientist at Southern Utah University "strongly links mammal herbivory to the widespread damage."

ZOO'S NEWEST MEMBER

A new born giraffe calf with its mother at Alipore Zoological Garden in Kolkata on Saturday | PTI

This sensor detects fatty liver disease

HEALTH

NEW YORK: Researchers have developed a diagnostic tool, based on nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), that could be used to detect fatty liver disease or liver fibrosis.

The device, which is small enough to fit on a table, uses NMR to measure how water diffuses through tissue, which can reveal how much fat is present in the tissue.

This kind of diagnostic, which has thus far been tested on mice, could help doctors catch the fatty liver disease before it progresses to fibrosis, the study published in the journal *Nature Biomedical Engineering* said.

In a study of mice, researchers showed that their detector could identify fibrosis with 86 per cent accuracy, and fatty liver disease with 92 per cent accuracy. It took 10 minutes to obtain the results, but researchers are now working on improving the signal-to-noise ratio of the detector, which could cut the amount of time it takes.

Japan waits for Ryugu's samples

SPACE

Japan's Hayabusa2 spacecraft successfully released a small capsule on Saturday and sent it toward Earth to deliver samples from a distant asteroid that could provide clues to the origin of the solar system and life on our planet, the country's space agency said. The capsule successfully detached from 2,20,000 kilometres away in a challenging operation that required precision control, the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency said. The capsule — just 40 centimetres in diameter — is now descending and is expected to land Sunday in a remote, sparsely populated area of Woomera, Australia. "The capsule has been separated. Congratulations," JAXA project manager Yuichi Tsuda said. Hayabusa2 left the asteroid Ryugu, about 300 million kilometres away, a year ago. After it released the capsule, it moved away from Earth to capture images of the capsule descending toward the planet as it set off on a new expedition to another distant asteroid.

HIDDEN MESSAGES

Divers find Nazis' Enigma code machine used during World War II in Baltic Sea

ARCHAEOLOGY

BERLIN: German divers who recently fished an Enigma encryption machine out of the Baltic Sea, used by the Nazis to send coded messages during World War II, handed their rare find over to a museum for restoration on Friday.

The legendary code machine was discovered last month during a search for abandoned fishing nets in the Bay of Gelting in northeast Germany, by divers on assignment for environmental group WWF.

"A colleague swam up and said: there's a net there with an old typewriter in it," Florian Huber, the lead diver, told the *DPA* news agency.

The team quickly realised they had stumbled across a historic artefact and alerted the authorities.

Ulf Ickerodt, head of the state archaeological office in Germany's Schleswig-Holstein region, said the machine would be restored by experts at the state's archaeology museum.

The delicate process, including a thorough desalination process after seven decades in the Baltic seabed, "will take about a year", he said.

After that, the Enigma will go on display at the museum.

Naval historian Jann Witt from the German Naval Association told *DPA* that he believes the machine, which has three rotors, was thrown overboard from a German warship in the final days of the war.

It is less likely that it came from a scuttled submarine, he said, because Adolf Hitler's U-boats used the more complex four-rotor Enigma machines.

The Allied forces worked tirelessly to decrypt the codes produced by the Enigma machine, which were changed every 24 hours.

Underwater archaeologist Florian Huber inspecting the Enigma encryption machine discovered in the Bay of Gelting, in the Baltic Sea, northern Germany | AFP

British mathematician Alan Turing, seen as the father of modern computing, spearheaded a team at Britain's Bletchley Park that cracked the code in 1941. The breakthrough helped the Allies decipher crucial radio messages about German military movements. Historians believe it shortened the war by about two years.

The story was turned into a 2014 movie called *The Imitation Game*, starring Oscar-nominated British actor Benedict Cumberbatch as Turing.

Enigma machines can be seen at various museums across the world. In recent years, the number of such machines being discovered has also increased.

In 2008, 28 Enigma machines were discovered in an attic of Army headquarters in Madrid, Spain, *El Pais* reported.

According to the report in the Spanish daily, the four-rotor commercial machines helped Francisco Franco's Nationalists win the Spanish Civil War. The government under Franco continued using its 50 Enigmas into the 1950s.